Dear Families,

**Kitchen Garden Programme**
Lionie Armitage and Lowana Ruhling are coordinating the Kitchen Garden programme in 2017 and met this week to put things in place for Term 1. It is exciting that the garden will become a stronger focus in 2017, with the outdoor classroom and toolshed ready to be “kitted out” and an integral part of the programme.

Just as in 2016, we are looking for volunteers for the kitchen and also those who will be interested in the garden aspect as well.

Please look out for the information provided by Lionie and Lowana, as the programme for grades will begin in March after swimming.

**Excess Furniture**
After our major restructure in late 2016, for an additional class and the reallocation of space for the music room, we have some excess furniture that is available at no cost, for any families who can use it. Anything with a sticky label is tagged for future use at school e.g garden shed must stay but everything else needs to go!

Please use the opportunity at the Welcome BBQ to “tag” anything you might like and ensure it is taken by Friday 24th February.

**School Council Elections**
I am pleased to inform the community, that the School Council Election process has been completed and the following members of our community have been elected to be members of School Council for 2017 & 2018.

Congratulations Kate Mirams who has been re-elected and to Nat Bedggood (Parent Member) & Lowana Ruhling (DET Member) who have also been elected to Council. I would like to also use this opportunity to thank retiring members Rikki Harbour & Paul “Snowy” Noble for their contributions to School Council. We have 2 Community member vacancies that School Council will address, as part of the agenda at the February meeting.

**House Swimming Sports Wednesday 22nd February**
Years 3-6 are looking forward to the annual House Swimming Sports to be held next Wednesday afternoon. Miss Glover has forwarded a note to all families in the Years 3-6 area. For a change, the weather forecast is looking good!

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**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
ICT Upgrade
The new Net Books and Interactive Panels are now ready, after a long delay in deliveries. A big thankyou to Kara Easton, Melissa Glover and Ian Fenton for their time supporting ICT Technician Chris King with the many tasks required before this equipment was ready for use in the classroom. Despite the delay, the end result for learning is exciting. 24 new netbooks for the 5/6 classes and an additional 4 interactive panels with identical software to the panels in the junior classes!

Family Welcome BBQ
A final reminder to all families, that our Family Welcome BBQ is tonight! It will be a great opportunity for new families and staff to meet our friendly school community and to make connections with other 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.

David Keil

Student accident insurance, ambulance cover arrangements and private property brought to school.
Families are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance or transport as well as any other transport costs.

Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.

This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. As the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property, students and staff should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

- Parents or guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance or transport as well as any other transport costs; and
- Parents or guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers.

Maffra Makers Market is On Again!
Last year, saw our first Maffra Makers Market held in the Memorial Hall. The market was a fundraising event to raise money for the outdoor classroom, which was completed at the end of 2016, with the help of the Macalister Valley Lions.

The market managed to raise $5,400 for the school...a FANTATSCIC effort and one well worth repeating. The feedback from stall holders was very positive.

A committee comprising of staff, parents and school council members, will once again drive the organization of the market. Our experience last year will make this committee like a well oiled machine!! We learnt a lot and will be able to build on what we know to lighten the load.

BUT we need lots of help. Meeting times will be arranged to suit all members. Please consider being part of this group, as many hands make light work. If you are interested, contact the school or email anderson.pat.s@edumail.vic.gov.au

Pat Anderson

Junior School Council
Oops............
Apologies to Riley Thompson who I inadvertently didn’t list as part of junior School Council in last week’s newsletter. Congratulations Riley and best wishes for your role on JSC!

David Keil
Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have been recognised for their great achievements, behaviour and attitude over the last week.

Well Done Awards

**Principal**
Harrison Rowley
For demonstrating in so many practical ways by being a mate to Foundation students, bus travellers and new class mates.
Well done, Harrison, for your exceptional care and kindness!

**F1A**
Chani Aust
for bouncing back so many times so far this term.

Nate Hare
for being his best and trying so hard with his learning.

**F1R**
Angus Roberts
for being a mate and good Leader to the foundies especially in reading time.

Joey Tucker
for being his best and trying lots of new things at school.

**1/2J**
Miranda
for bouncing back when things don’t go quite right and for being a great mate.
Well done!

Tom
for being his best, being a mate to others and settling into the school year so well. Well done!

**2/3M**
Jaret Miller
for Working as a team with their classmates and settling in well in their new classrooms.

Alex Hoyle
for Working as a team with their classmates and settling in well in their new classrooms.

**4A**
Kallum Mauldon
for being a mate to lots of his friends in the room by helping with their learning

Mitch Coridas
for being his best by completing a great piece of writing with awesome punctuation and spelling

**5/6E**
Riley Thompson
for being a mate by being a great grade 6 buddy

Ashton Lemon-Day
for being his best by giving a detailed prediction during literacy

**5/6G**
Bradly Dean
for being his best and making a positive start to grade 5.

Eden Watts
for being her best and providing deep thinking responses during literacy.

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Can you read this: “Abbiamo bisogno di capire ciò che stiamo leggendo”

But do you understand it?

It is critically important that your child can understand what they read. We read to understand, learn and enjoy. If we do not understand what we read, we do not learn or cannot fully enjoy what we are reading. This is called reading comprehension.

You can help your child to comprehend what they are reading, using 3 simple little strategies:

1. **Make connections to what they are reading.** “Do you remember when we went to…..” “Our dog does things like that…..” “Grandad talks about that when he remembers when he went to school…..” These connections to our own lives help us understand more deeply.

2. **Ask questions.** Timing these questions is important, as you still want your child to enjoy the text, but a simple “I wonder why she went to…..” or “I wonder what she was thinking about when…..” helps them to think about what they are reading.

3. **At strategic points, ask your child to predict what will happen next or what someone might be going to do.** Prediction is a powerful tool for getting a child to think more deeply about what the writing is telling them.

These 3 simple strategies can be done with any level of book with pictures or without.

Ps. The quote at the top of the page means “We need to understand what we are reading. It’s Italian!”
Classroom Spotlight - 23M—Miss Mackay

In 2/3M, we have been focusing on the values set in place at Boisdale Consolidated School and their importance within both the classroom and the school yard. We have been discussing the values in depth and exploring the different ways in which we can demonstrate these values. The students have worked collaboratively to design their own posters, highlighting the many ways that we can be our best, work as a team, be a mate, show respect and bounce back. These posters are on display in the classroom. Come in and have a look!

Kitchen Corner

The Kitchen Program will start again in week 5. Please keep an eye out for our Term 1 Kitchen Helpers Roster with the newsletter.

The help and support of our volunteers is always greatly appreciated.

School Council elections

The timetable for the election process is:

- **Tuesday 7th February** - Call for nominations
- **Tuesday 14th February** - Nominations close @ 4PM
- **Wednesday 15th February** - List of candidates displayed
- **Thursday 16th February** - Distribution of ballot
- **Wednesday 22nd February** - Close of Ballot
- **Wednesday 22nd February (4:00pm)** - Vote Count and declaration of Ballot
- **Thursday 23rd February** - Declaration of Ballot displayed & families notified
- **Tuesday 28th February** - First meeting of 2017 School Council & Election of an additional Community Member

Information on the School Council election process and nomination forms are available at the school office.
Notices sent home

- Weekly Reminder
- Clothing for swimming friday
- Swimming Sports Note
- Parents and Friends Welcome Morning Tea
- F1A Free Swim Note
- 12J Free Swim Note
- Term 1 Kitchen Helper Note

CANTEEN NEWS

This Friday’s Canteen Volunteers are: Mel Devisser & Brad Coridas. Thanks, I look forward to seeing you both on Friday.

Thank you to everyone who has returned their Term 1 Canteen Roster. We have all Friday's filled for the remainder of this term, Good work!

For the first couple of weeks we will not be having any Friday Recess Specials as we settle in... however I do have a new Menu item available. **COB’s lightly salted POPCORN**, $1.20 a packet. Sorry to say, Chicken Jumpy's are temporarily unavailable.

Enjoy! Miriam

SAVE THE DATE!!!

What do you get when you cross bunch of blokes, a whole heap of kids and some sports?!?!!!

A Crazy lot of FUN!!!

Join us on Thursday night, 9th March 2017 for a great night out for all blokes and kids! We’ll have some team sports that everyone can play and some free icreams!! Keep an eye out for more details.

B.B.F.N.C. U13 netball team.

Sat Morning comp @ Sale.

Tues 21st Feb info & training night
5-6pm at Boisdale Netball Courts
Contact Kylie Brown or Belinda Marshall for more info
Kylie Ph 0408 328 540
Belinda Ph 0429 454 222
Spargo Photography, will be our School Photographers this year. They will be here on Friday, 24 February 2017.

To ensure that your photos are returned as quickly as possible, please follow these quick and easy guidelines:

- Please write clearly on your child’s envelope (Block letters preferred)
- If possible please don't use small change as this can break or fall out of your envelope, if this is not possible, please tape up the sides or put the money in a freezer bag then inside your envelope.
- For online orders, complete an envelope and record the Order Number in the “online Order#” section on the envelope.
- All children must have their own envelope with them when being photographed.
- Do not use one envelope for multiple children.
- Children without an envelope when having their individual photos taken will not have an order placed against their name. For Family/Siblings & Friends Portraits please see your school office for an information flyer and red family envelope.
- Do not place a family envelope inside another envelope or an individual envelope.
- We will only photograph family/siblings with a completed family envelope.

ONLINE PRE-ORDER

We now provide you with the flexibility of pre-paying your child’s photos online. Simply follow the links below to place your order. Once completed, print out your confirmation invoice and include in your child's envelope.

To order click on the following links:

- [Individual Photograph Packs](#)
- [Family Photograph Orders](#)

If you have any inquiries, please contact us on (03) 5942 5234

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