Dear Families,

Annual House Trophy Competition
Friday’s Swimming Sports commences the Annual House Competition, which takes on a new and very inclusive look for 2018. Traditionally, points have only been tallied for the major House competitions namely Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics. This year the concept has been broadened considerably for many aspects of being involved and developing school pride at BCS. Points will be allocated for examples such as participating in the school gymkhana, school working bees, choir, marimba, dance group performances, Hoop Time, Mardi Gras, the School Play, Maffra Show Art entries etc.

Miss Glover as part of her role of Sports and House Competition coordinator will be presenting this information to all students at next Monday’s assembly.

Maffra Pool Testing
Despite the weather predicted to clear up, it turned out to be cold for swimmers at the Maffra Pool on Monday. After two rotations, the decision was made by staff members to return the students to school as soon as buses where available. Staff commented on the students’ resilience and understanding of the situation.

The Maffra Pool Testing session was rescheduled until today to complete the required activities. Thanks to all parent helpers on both days for supporting the students.

House Swimming Sports Years 3-6
The annual swimming sports is tomorrow at 11:00 AM at the Stratford Pool. Miss Glover has forwarded a note to all families with children in Years 3-6 with all the details including wearing house colours. If you are attending, please remember to sign out your children at the pool if you are taking them with you when the sports finish around 2:20 PM.

Looking forward to seeing many families at the sports tomorrow.

School Council Elections
I would like to offer my congratulations and thanks to Mick Daly, Trevor Barton, Kellie Willis, Samantha Baines & Anthony Kovco who join or continue as parent or community members for 2018 and 2019. I would also like to congratulate Department of Education and Training members Melissa Glover and Pat Anderson who were re-elected to council for a further two years.

I would like to reiterate my thanks to retiring members Dustin Robinson, Kelly Seach and Marz Rickard for their enormous contributions as councillors.

REMINDER: EVERY TUESDAY IS TRASHLESS TUESDAY

School Council Members:
Kate Mirams, Trevor Barton, Nat Bedggood, Tamsyn Lenne, Lowana Ruhling, Pat Anderson, Melissa Glover, David Keil, Kellie Willis, Sam Baines, Anthony Kovco and Mick Daly
School Council President: Kate Mirams  Parents & Friends President: Vanessa Robinson
School Council Report
Last Tuesday evening was the first general meeting for School Council in 2018. As usual there was a busy agenda and many reports to present. Sub Committees and Office Bearers for 2018 were also finalised.

I congratulate the following councillors for taking on the following roles:

**Office Bearers**
- School Council President: Kate Mirams
- Vice School Council President: Trevor Barton
- Treasurer: Anthony Kovco
- Minute Taker/Secretary: Pat Anderson

**Leaders of Sub Committees**
- Finance: Kate Mirams
- Buildings & Grounds: Anthony Kovco
- Canteen: Trevor Barton
- Promotions: Lowana Ruhling
- Maffra Makers Market: Pat Anderson
- Parents & Friends (Liaison representative): Tamsyn Lenne

Discussions included:
- Years 5 & 6 Camp ratification
- Annual Implementation Plan presentation
- Chaplaincy Selection process
- Twilight Working Bee preparation
- Excursions
- School Uniform Suppliers information

**Gymkhana**
I am very pleased and proud to inform that six students from our school represented us proudly at School Gymkhana yesterday. Thanks to all parents who assisted and to Susan Noble who coordinated the teams. Please see in the newsletter all their amazing achievements. Could all riders please bring their ribbons and sashes for Monday’s assembly? These six students will be awarded House Points towards the annual House Trophy.

**Playgroup Yoga**
Well done to Elizabeth Kocvo and the Boisdale Community Playgroup for initiating a Playgroup yoga session yesterday. Families involved had a lot of fun.

**School Photos**
Next **Monday 26th February is School Photo day.** It is expected that all students be in full school uniform for the class photos and the various other family and group shots throughout the day. Attached to the newsletter is a copy of the school dress code for your perusal.

**Bus Stop Safety**
It has come to my attention that there have been some silly and unsafe behaviour at some bus stops. As mentioned previously, but new information for new families, it is an expectation to have strong parental presence at bus stops for drop off and pick up times. BCS is traditionally a bus school with many bus stops throughout the district and we require strong support from parents who have students using these stops. Please see in the newsletter some general bus reminders including bus stop expectations.

Next week........
In next week’s newsletter I will outline the School Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) and key professional learning for staff in 2018.

Have a restful weekend!

David Keil
Student Awards

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

Well Done Awards

**Principal**
- **Ava Bedggood**
  - Show respect to all students, staff and her learning environments. Great to see Ava!
- **Ciara Fitt**
  - Work as a Team by sorting out bus issues calmly, promptly and fairly to all concerned.
- **Bridie Bentvelzen**
  - Work as a Team by sorting out bus issues calmly, promptly and fairly to all concerned.

**FA**
- **Indi Bristow-McQuillen**
  - for being her best in her reading in teacher group. I like the way you checked what you were reading
- **Rex Elliott**
  - for being his best when listening to sounds in words.

**FSR**
- **Tyrion Farmer**
  - for thinking proud, acting proud and being proud of the way he helps others to pack up the classroom.
- **Vili Paulo**
  - for thinking proud, acting proud and being proud of the drawing he did about the book “Bella Lost Her Moo”

**12P**
- **Katelyn Johns**
  - for thinking proud, acting proud and being proud in her maths and wanting to keep on going with her learning.
- **Nate Hare**
  - for being his best in his writing, maths and always has a great learning attitude. Well done!

**12D**
- **Tahli Reti**
  - for showing respect to all teachers, students and school property. Tahli is an excellent role model in our class. Well done Tahli!
- **Jyie Hoyle**
  - for thinking proud, acting proud and being proud of his Australian Story and demonstrating a positive learning attitude. Well done Jyie, keep it up!

**23M**
- **Cecilia Anderson**
  - for being her best and writing a very detailed and descriptive characterisation for her space character. Top effort!
- **Emily Kanavan**
  - for thinking proud, acting proud and being proud and challenging herself in her learning without giving up! Keep it up Em! Keep persisting.

**34R**
- **Connor Johnston**
  - for being their best for persisting and challenging themselves
- **Lola Daly**
  - for being their best for persisting and challenging themselves

**56G**
- **Seth Johnston**
  - for being his and always trying his hardest in all aspects of his learning, displaying a positive mindset
- **Alana Lanigan**
  - for bouncing back and not complaining about not being able to complete the swimming program and helping others in her swimming group.

**56M**
- **Miller S**
  - for Think Proud, Act Proud, Be Proud and bring his home learning and reading folder! Please keep it up!
- **Evan Lewis**
  - for bouncing back when learning got tricky – You have made fantastic progress

Congratulations to our BCS Gymkhana team

**Results:**
- **Alyssa Greening:** 5th Rider Class, 1st Jumping Round, 1st Bending Race, 4th Mug Race and Year 6 Champion
- **Flynn Hunt:** 6th in Jumping and 5th Obstacle Course
- **Julia Reti:** 1st Jumping, 3rd Mug Race, 6th Handler Class, 6th Pleasure Mount, 1st Obstacle Course and Year 5 Reserve Champion
- **Tahli Reti:** 1st Pleasure Mount, 3rd Obstacle Course, 6th Mug Race and 5th Beginner Jump
- **Montana Robinson:** 3rd Pleasure Mount
- **Ava Harrington:** 1st Bending Race, 8th Rider Class, 5th Obstacle Course and 6th Jumping
This term, our Integrated Unit is titled “Aussie, Aussie, Aussie.”

Last week we learnt about our country Australia, including the states and capital cities. This week we have learnt about Australian landmarks consisting of both natural and man-made such as Uluru and the Sydney Harbour Bridge.
CANTEEN NEWS

Our Canteen Friday Recess Specials’ will kick off from next week; as the House Swimming Sports for the senior grades is on tomorrow. Again, thanks to everyone that returned the Canteen Term 1 & 2 volunteer roster...the roster is now full...However we do know that the Student Kitchen Rosters still have some gaps! Good luck to everyone swimming tomorrow...be your best.

Enjoy!
Miriam & Amanda

Congratulations to Tahli, Angus, Kade, Julia and Montana who competed at the Australian whip crackers and platters Victorian state titles @ Seymour field days. Results: Tahli 1st place peewee division Angus 2nd peewee division Kade 4th juvenile division Julia 6th juvenile division Montana 4th Novice.

Compost Bins
We have two new signs on the Compost Bins.

If the Bins have the RED closed sign on them please do not put your compost in them.

Only use the Compost Bin with the Green Open Sign.

Amber Stewart
Garden Coordinator

No Piano Lessons for the remainder of term.
Unfortunately Mrs Shultz has broken her ankle and will be unable to do Piano lessons for the rest of Term 1.

DON’T FORGET BEESWAX WRAP WORKSHOP
Please return your workshop forms if you are interested in attending.
Would you be interested in making an environmentally friendly food wrap from 100% cotton and beeswax?

When:
Saturday 3rd March at 3.30pm

Maffra Scout Group
Junior Disco
For Grade 1 - 6

When: Friday, 23rd February 2018
Time: 6:00-8:30pm
Where: Maffra Memorial Hall
Cost: Entry $5
Children MUST be signed in and out by a parent or guardian. NO passouts.

Maffra Neighbourhood House
FAMILY FUN DAY

at Victoria Park, Kent St., Maffra
Saturday 3rd March
5.30pm—10.30pm

· FREE Face painting
· FREE Jumping castle
· FREE Family Entertainment
· FREE Market on site
· FREE movie in the park at dusk featuring: Moana
· BYO chair, picnic rug or bean bag.

Partnering with Wellington Shire Council to bring you this community event.
Reminder: School Photos Monday 26th February

Please return Photo envelopes by tomorrow, Monday morning at the latest!
All students must be in full school uniform. Please refer to the attached uniform policy for more information.
If your child has not received a photo envelop or family envelope please contact the school tomorrow and one will be sent home.
The school cannot accept photo orders after Monday, any late orders will need to be made directly to Spargo Photography.

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 please go to our website: www.spargophoto.com.au
If you have any inquiries, please Spargo Photography on (03) 5942 5234

Boisdale Consolidated School
GENERAL NOTES FOR BUS TRAVEL

Bus travel is essential for many students at BCS. To ensure the safe and efficient running of the school buses please ensure you take the time to read the following reminders.

Parents are reminded of the following:

- Students need to be at their bus stop 5 minutes before the scheduled pick up time.
- Parent/Guardian must remain at the bus stop until the bus has arrived.
- Parents/Guardians must ensure they are at the bus stop, in the afternoon, 5 minutes before the drop off time. It is the parent/guardians responsibility to ensure somebody is at the bus stop to collect your child.
- Parents, please be reminded, that it is your responsibility to ensure your child/children are following all bus stop expectations and support the school with safe bus travel

- Any changes to bus travel must be notified to the office in either writing or phone call before 2PM. Requests after this time will not be allowed unless it is an emergency.
  - If your child travelled on the bus to school but is NOT travelling on the bus home, they will need to write their names OFF the bus. Older students are expected to write their name off, for younger students, please ensure the office is notified before 2pm. Bus folders are located in the office Foyer.
  - If your child was driven to school but will be travelling home via bus, they will be required to write their names ON the bus. Older students are expected to write their name off, for younger students, please ensure the office is notified before 2pm. Bus folders are located in the office Foyer.

Permission to travel on school buses is a privilege, not a right.
PURPOSE
Boisdale Consolidated School believes that a compulsory student dress code assists in developing school pride, community identification with the school, pupil safety, group security, non discrimination and equity.

2. GUIDELINES
2.1 The Student Dress Code includes a uniform that is practical, cost effective and sunsafe
2.2 The Student Dress Code provides for individual expression through alternatives within overall garment requirements
2.3 The Student Dress Code caters for the safety of all pupils
2.4 Parents may apply for a full or partial exemption from the Student Dress Code if they feel it discriminates against their child on the basis of gender, race, ethnic grouping, nationality, religious belief, colour or disability
2.5 The Student Dress Code will apply to students while they are at school, travelling to and from school, and attending school functions out of school hours when requested
2.6 The school uniform is essential for class/school photographs and excursions

3. IMPLEMENTATION
SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

| Polo Shirt (Maroon Short Sleeve)* | Track Pants (Plain Navy) |
| Polar Fleece (Maroon)* | Pants/Slacks (Plain Navy) |
| Rugby Top (Maroon)* | Shorts (Plain Navy) |
| Wide Brimmed School Hat (Plain Navy) | Footwear must be all black |
| Beanie (Navy, Maroon) Terms 2 & 3 | Socks (Plain Navy, Black, White, Grey) |
| Scarf (Navy, Maroon) | Hair ties (Ribbons etc: Navy, Maroon) |
| Check Dress (Blue & White) | Skivvy or long Tee Shirts |
| Skorts (Girls – Navy) | (plain navy, white or maroon) only to be worn under the school polo shirt |

*With BCS Logo

Children are not permitted to wear netball skirts, football or basketball shorts.

3.1 Parents Club will run a non profit Parent Club Uniform Shop providing all items of high quality and at affordable prices. They will provide a list of the items and prices at regular intervals, and will be available at the school, at set times to assist parents with purchases
3.2 The Parents Club will have a range of optional items for sale such as backpacks, art smocks etc.
3.3 Students will be required to wear a school hat every day during Terms 1 and 4, and on designated days in Terms 2 and 3. Students without a school hat will be required to sit in the shelter shed area. Hats that are worn out or damaged need to be replaced. This will be communicated by the newsletter prior to Term 1 & 4.

3.4 Shoes and socks are appropriate for school activities. Open toed shoes, sandals and thongs etc. are considered dangerous and therefore inappropriate.

3.5 Children’s hair styles should be safe and appropriate for school activities. Long hair must be tied back for safety and the prevention of the spread of headlice.

3.6 Stud earrings and sleepers plus watches are acceptable jewellery. No necklaces, chains or anklets as these items are a safety issue in the school environment. Any other piercing needs a clear discrete keeper.

3.7 Students are not to wear make up or cosmetics products. Students with skin conditions may use approved products with parental consent.

3.8 The Year 6 Graduation T Shirt will be regarded as an item of school uniform for Year 6 pupils.

3.9 Casual Days may be utilised for class, whole school rewards and other special occasions such as Junior School Council fund raising but the wearing of thongs and singlets is not allowed.

3.10 Parents will be made aware of the dress code policy on enrolment and will be asked to clearly label all uniform items.

3.11 Swap and Go initiated by Parents & Friends lends clothing to students who are out of school uniform. Students who are out of uniform are discreetly sent to the office to exchange their clothing for the duration of the school day.

3.12 Parents are requested to send a note, providing a reasonable explanation when a child wears an item that is not part of the uniform. The Principal will contact families if there is a continued failure to comply with the dress code.

4. EVALUATION /REVIEW

The Student Dress Code shall be reviewed on a needs basis by School Council. Any consideration for a change of the uniform items should involve a consultative process involving parents and teachers, with the final decision made by School Council.

Staff will monitor the policy in an ongoing manner.

Reviewed by School Council: August 2013
Thank you to our 2018 Sponsors:

Notices sent home

- Weekly Reminder
- Grade 5/6 Camp Notes
- Headlice Note
- Swim Testing reschedule note

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