Dear Families,

Grandparents & Special Friends Day
How proud are we of the running of this year’s Grandparents & Special Friends Day on Tuesday?

We were all tickled pink with the massive turn up, more visitors than for many years!

Feedback from our visitors was so positive about the enjoyable morning they had with the students at BCS. I spoke to many visitors who have been to previous similar events and they couldn’t have been more delighted with the day. This include the inclusion of personal tours by students, which they completed with great pride and was greatly appreciated by their special visitors.

The hard working Parents & Friends Group & staff, put a lot of planning into the day. They were well supported by families, with the provision of a delicious morning tea.

Thanks to all students, staff, P & F and families for all helping make it a memorable day for all concerned!

Another reason to feel proud and being part of BCS!

ANZAC DAY CEREMONY
Mr Roberts and Junior School Council presented a moving ceremony on Monday to commemorate ANZAC Day and give students a better insight why ANZAC Day is a National Public Holiday. Well done JSC & Mick!

Families might also want to look at the fabulous ANZAC theme art work by 5/6 students in the corridor opposite the staffroom. Great work by the senior classes & Brigitte in the Art Room!

Personal Leave
I would like to inform the school community that I am taking approximately three weeks personal sick leave, for a knee replacement operation early next week. Pat Anderson will be Acting Principal during my absence and will capably provide excellent leadership and support for all community members.

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

Open Day Change of Date
Now Tuesday 22nd May @ 9:30am Evening Information Session @ 7-8pm
Capital Grant $400 000

I recently received a phone call from the Upper Member of Parliament for East Gippsland (Victorian State Government) Harriet Shing, regarding a pre-budget announcement for the school. Our school, which I understand to be one of sixty schools in Victoria, has received a grant to refurbish some of our existing facilities from July 2018.

Grants of $100 000 upwards were allocated to 60 schools across the states. I am delighted to inform the school community that we have been granted $400 000 which can be accessed in the new financial year. I will be attending facilities training in late May, for details on how these funds must be spent. This will include the input that can be given from School Council for the best possible outcome and the timeline over the next six months.

This is fantastic news for the school and is in addition to the significant promised funding based on an extensive Facilities Conditions Audit in early 2019 which will bring all BCS facilities up to the standard expected today to deliver strong educational outcomes for students.

I cannot put a figure on that funding, as the audit will be incredibly detailed and the final amount will be based on these findings. However, I expect that it will be a very large figure to complete all works over 2019 & 2020 period.

I would also like to take this opportunity to let the families and friends of the school know, that MP Harriet Shing acknowledged (and thanked) the significant contributions from many members of the community, past and present, for keeping our extensive facilities safe and maintained for students and staff. (Annual funds from the Department of Education and Training, do not cover all facility needs at BCS and we have always relied on additional voluntary support from our community)

Exciting news and times ahead for BCS facilities!

Speech Assistance Available On Site!

To assist students who require additional support for speech development, the school now has in place, a private provider (La La Speech in Sale) for such services on site each Thursday. The benefits of having a private speech pathologist on site for these students are many, including reduced travel time for families, less time out of the classroom for the students participating and the opportunities for the speech pathologist to speak directly with staff to best continue strategies and programs in the classroom for the students.

Please be aware that this is a private service (often quite costly) for families and the option to travel to other preferred speech pathologist providers still exists for all students. Prior to this arrangement, the services are fully paid for by families, however in some cases some government financial support is available under certain strict criteria based on the child’s needs.

I recommend, if you are considering intervention for your child, that you check with a speech provider(s) and government agencies before committing, as some families may access funding on a case by case basis.

Bus Stops & Parent Supervision

I would like to remind families, that an important bus stop expectation is to have parent supervision whilst waiting for the bus in the morning and at pick up time at the stops. I have mentioned this in previous newsletters in Term 1.

This is to ensure all students are safe, off the road and behave appropriately prior to bus travel in the morning. We have had a number of dangerous situations reported by families. These have been dealt with but could have been avoided if parents present at these particular stops. The school fully understands, that on occasions, supervision prior and after school, may need to be made through shared arrangements by families. However, these arrangements must be clearly communicated and accepted by the families concerned.

I remind all families, if students do make poor and unsafe choices at bus stops, the consequences are severe, including the loss of bus travel for the student(s) concerned.

Thanks for your support for safe bus travel including your child/children meeting all expectations at the bus stop.

If you would like to discuss any of the above with me please do not hesitate to contact me at school.
Buildings & Grounds Meeting
I remind all members of the Buildings & Grounds Committee that there will be a meeting tomorrow at 4 PM to continue the pool tendering process and hopefully have recommendations in place for the May meeting of School Council.

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
Kade Meredith for being a mate by being fair and caring to others in the yard and games
Noah Russell for Bounce back after a fall in the yard and then playing happily with others

FSR
Noah Russell for being his best and making a great start to term 2 showing some of the school values.
Tahli Rae for bouncing back after she had a fall when doing cross country practise.

FA
Riley Lestrange for showing respect to everyone and everything. Well done Riley!
Edith Likjanov for Bouncing back when fitness training was hard. Well done Edith.

12P
Louisa Watts for being her best when using writing prompts to tell an exciting story with good oral language skills.
Xade Langshaw for showing respect to his classmates and making a great start to the term.

12D
Kryton Taiapa Tama for showing respect to everyone and always being a terrific role model in our classroom. Great job Kryton!
Linden Lanigan for thinking proud, acting proud and being proud when singing our BCS school song on Grandparent’s and Special Friends Day. Well done Linden!

23M
Seth Iley for being his best, having his best go when facing challenges and being proud of his efforts. Keep it up Seth! Impressed!
Meika for being her best, settling in well to her new school, making some new friends and already willing to challenge herself. Well done Meika!

34R
Cooper Mahoney for showing respect and participating with enthusiasm in all classroom learning.
Kody Shingles for working as a team by showing a strong commitment to his learning and sharing his ideas with others.

56G
Zoe Adams for bouncing back and being extremely brave after a nasty fall during cross country training
Matthew Austin for being a mate and helping our new student settle in well

56M
Sherin Suilt for always being her best in her learning; the effort that you put into everything is tremendous
Savannah Cowen for being a mate. The consideration and compassion that you are showing to your classmates is fantastic please keep it up Savannah!

Bike Brigade
Calling for more volunteers to help support the ongoing Bike Brigade program. This is on Thursdays at 11am and at 1:50pm. We currently have 4 great blokes who give their time and resources to help with this program. If possible we could use 2 more willing personnel to cover for them, when they have a holiday. If you feel this is something you can help with, please contact me on 0456 456 898. I look forward to hearing from you.

Mark Churchill
Classroom Spotlight - FSR - Miss Ruhling

Ex Boisdale students, Olivia Davis and Tristan Neaves dropped in to share some of their early experiences of Year 7 at Maffra Secondary College. Both students spoke exceptionally well and did both MSC and Boisdale CS proud!

Maffra SC are holding an information evening tonight (Thursday) at 7pm and all grade 6 students have received a “Year 7 Transition Program” handout.
Please note Chicken Jumpys are not available, we have chicken chips instead at the same price.

Tomorrow’s Canteen Volunteer is Kellie Willis, Thanks, we look forward to seeing you around 10am!

Our Friday Recess Special is Mini DimSims, 4 for $1.

Enjoy!
Miriam & Amanda

Book Club—Thank you
Jessica Knight will now be taking over the role of bookclub coordinator, Thank you Jessica.
A big thank you to Kate Rowley who has been running bookclub, your support of the school has been greatly appreciated.

Reminder:
Don’t forget to return your Mothers Day Stall slips by Friday 4th May.
If you need another note

Polar Fleece Jumpers
It’s that time of the year when it starts to get chilly. We are now taking orders for Polar Fleece Jumpers @ $40 each. Please contact the office if you would like to order one.

Can you Help?
Boisdale Consolidated School hosts the Maffra Makers Market each year and we need helpers to assist with planning and organisation. You don’t need any particular skills and you don’t need to attend any meetings, just be willing and eager to help. Put your name down at the school office and we will contact you to discuss. Check us out on Facebook, Maffra Makers Market.

Coles Sporting Schools
Last days—Please return any Coles Sporting Schools Vouchers to the school.

Thank you for all your support
**Notices sent home**

- Weekly Reminder
- Mother’s Day Stall
- Grade 6 MSC Transition Program Note
- Grade 6 Leadership Kinder Program Note

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