Dear Families,

What a fantastic time we have had over the past week. The swimming sport has been a highlight of the past week with many students showing the resilience and commitment to making progress in swimming. It was great to see everyone cheering people on and supporting each other to do the best they can do and a little bit more. As well as this it was fantastic to have parents there to help and show their support. Thanks to everyone who took part and to those who helped out on the day.

A learning update.

As a Positive Behaviour School, we believe in giving more positives than negatives to everyone in our community.

What Does 5 Positives to 1 Negative Mean?
Students should experience predominately positive interactions (ratio of 5 positives for every negative) on all locations of school. Positive Interaction: Behaviorally specific feedback as to what the student did right (contingent). Other interactions can include a smile, nod, wink, greeting, attention, hand shake, high five (non-contingent)

All Staff are expected to:
Interact in a friendly, supportive manner at all times—students, parents, guests and colleagues initiate positive interactions by:

- Making eye contact
- Smiling nodding, winking
- Welcoming
- Offering a greeting
- Asking if assistance is required
- Provide positive feedback regarding appropriate student behavior
- Maintain an attitude of respect and support.

Generalized reinforcers work for students who can delay gratification, as the reinforcer is exchanged for an item of value at a later time:

- Raffle tickets
- Tokens
- Poker chips
- Points/credits

Key Dates

School Assembly
Friday @ 9am
All Parents/Guardians welcome

Friday 1st March
HDSSA Swimming Sports

Monday 4th March
Bingo Night @ale
Greyhounds. Bingo starts @ 7:30pm

Tuesday 5th March
P & F Meeting @9am

Wednesday 6th March
Foundation Students
Rest Day

Monday 11th March
Labour Day Public Holiday

Saturday 16th March
Maffra Mardi Gras Float

Monday 18th March
First Full week for Foundation students

Tuesday 19th March
School Council Meeting

Friday 22nd March
School Photos

Friday 5th April
Last day of Term 1

Tuesday 23rd April
Start of Term 2

Canteen
Friday Recess
Jelly Shots 50c each.
Here’s how to do it...

Try to make some time to regularly talk to your child about their learning. Look for areas they have put effort into and let them know what you like about their work.

**Praise the process not the person**

Instead of giving your child praise that is about them as a person, such as ‘You are so clever!’ try praising the process they have been through – focus your praise on:

- **the strategy** your child used, such as “You used some great descriptive words in that story!”
- **the effort** they put into their work, such as “I can tell you tried really hard to make your writing neat in your workbook.”

**Be specific**

When giving your child authentic praise, one of the most important things to remember is to be specific. Try to pinpoint exactly what your child has done that you like rather than making general statements. So instead of saying, “What a great picture!” you could say something like “It was clever of you to make the koala have fluffy ears in this picture.”

**Be genuine**

Authentic praise means being genuine and sincere about what you are praising your child for. Try not to praise your child when you don’t mean it, or give your child praise that is over-the-top, like “That’s the best writing I’ve ever seen!” Instead, try to offer your child authentic praise for real achievements, for example, “I like how you wrote the letter B, you’ve stayed on the line and you’ve written the letter in the right direction.”

**Be immediate**

Praise is most effective when it is given immediately – but try not to interrupt your child when they are concentrating on an activity, as that can make them lose their focus and reduce their motivation to continue on with what they were doing. Instead, wait until they are finished and praise them for their effort when they are done, for example, “Wow, I could see you were really concentrating on your maths homework this afternoon. Well done.” Recognising your child’s efforts through authentic praise will help with your child’s self-esteem and help them to achieve the best possible learning outcomes.

Warm Regards,

Caroline Fletcher
**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** From next week assembly will take place from 9 am – 9.30 am. The first few weeks may take longer as the leaders settle into the new routine.

**School Photographs for 2019 - Boisdale Consolidated School** will be by our School Photographers, **Spargo Photography.** On **Friday, 22 March 2019.**

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)
- 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.

**Only family/siblings with a completed family envelope will be photographed.**

**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 follow the links below;

**Individual Photos:**
http://www.spargophoto.com.au/purchase/#!/~//category/id=8895350&offset=0&sort=nameAsc

**Family Photos:**
http://www.spargophoto.com.au/purchase/#!/~//category/id=8517895&offset=0&sort=nameAsc

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

**Bingo Night @ Sale Greyhounds**

We are still accepting donations of gifts for our Bingo Night Raffle at the Sale Greyhounds on **Monday 4th March.** Come along for dinner @ 6pm or a game of Bingo @ 7:30pm.

**P & F Meeting**

Our next meeting is **Tuesday 5th March @ 9:15am,** all parents/guardians are welcome to attend.

**Chooks**

Thank you to the wonderful Lenne and Elliott/Marsh families who looked after our chooks over the holidays.

An extra special thank you to the Elliott/Marsh family who also donated some extra chooks to the school.

**Magazines**

Do you have any spare magazines lying around that you would be willing to donate to the school? First Steps are after Magazines for their room. Any donations can be made to the office or directly to the first steps class room.

Thank you
Melanie Smyth
Classroom Spotlight - Swimming Sports

Last Friday Grades 3-6 were involved in the House Swimming Sports. It was great to see so many students participate and model tremendous sportsmanship and behaviour. Blue House took out the day narrowly ahead of Green House, while the Grade 6 Champions were Brooklyn Little and Chelsea Adams.

BCS would like to extend a huge ‘thank you’ to all parents who came on the day to show support, particularly those who took on a job to assist AND even got in the pool for the staff/parent relay team!!!

Heyfield District Swimming Sports will take place tomorrow at the Sale pool from 10am – 2pm.

Gymkhana

Congratulations to our BCS Gymkhana team who represented us yesterday at the Stratford PC inter school gymkhana. Team 1 consisting of Julia and Tahlí Reti/Darci and Casey Duncan coming 2nd all round our of the 36 teams that competed throughout the district. Casey Duncan also taking out the grade 1 champion. Team two consisting of Kade Mahoney, Montana Robinson, Anna and Ava Harrington also winning an arrangement of ribbons for their team. Great job to everyone and we are all super proud.
Notices sent home

- Weekly Reminder
- Maffra Mardi Gras Note

🌟 Please remember if you misplace your canteen menu you can go to the school website, there is a copy of the current Canteen Menu on the website.

Our Canteen Volunteers for tomorrow are; Amanda Elliot and Elizabeth Kovco, Thank you ladies, I look forward to seeing you tomorrow morning from 10am.

🌟 Our First Recess Special for 2019 is;

JELLY SHOTS, 50c each.

Enjoy!
Miriam & Amanda

Stratford Junior Netball Club Registration Day

When: Thursday 28th February
Where: Stratford Football club rooms
Time: 3.30 – 4.30
Cost: $75 payable to SJNC
$67 payable to Netball Victoria
$12 payable to Sale Netball Association

First game will be April 27th, first weekend after school holidays.
Any players with uniforms from last year could you please bring them along. We will fit players with uniforms and have them all ready for our first training session.

Registration should only take about 10 mins so come anytime within the hour.

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