

Newsletter

Term 1 Week 4

Meet and Greet

It was wonderful to see so many families attending our Meet and Greet sessions this week. The purpose of this meeting is to gain a parent perspective about their child so learning plans can be developed. It is also a good opportunity for parents/carers and teachers to meet and for parents to get an insight into how their child has returned to the learning routines of school. Thanks again to all families for making arrangements for an early school finish to allow this afternoon to take place.

School Council

The School Council met this week for the February meeting and during the session the following was discussed:

- Finance reports for December and January including 3 financial policies to guide our work in this area.
- An update on staffing and enrolment numbers for the start of the 2024 school year.
- Facility work that was completed over the holiday period.
- Community connection projects including our upcoming Meet and Greet sessions, School Picnic, links with Integra and the Lucas Little Athletics program
- A teaching and Learning report that highlighted the programs and initiatives that are underway for the 2024 school year.
- A Wellbeing report that highlighted the SWPBS matrix, Disability Inclusion Funding and inclusion of 2 psychologists that will be working at the school during 2024.
- The Annual Implementation Plan which outlines the goals for the year.
- The Yard Duty policy was amended and approved.

Nominations have been called for the 2024 School Council with nominations closing on Friday February 23.

A picture tells a thousand words.

Snapshots from the last 14 days.



Some boys enjoying drawing club.



House Meetings









E.S training session

Annual Privacy Reminder

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the **Schools' Privacy Policy.**

Please take the time to read our school'sPrivacy Collection Statement, found on our website.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use Google Workspace for Education safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Google Workspace for Education, please contact the school.

<u>Awards Procedures</u>

Our new awards procedure for 2024 was trialled at assembly during Week 3 to try and streamline this part of the proceedings. The process included students seeing their photo and name on the screen, being handed their certificate and moving to the front of the gym. Once all awards are presented, there is a photo opportunity for parents with the value of the fortnight in the background.

Child Safe Standards

Our school is committed to the safety of all children. We actively promote the safety and wellbeing of all students, and all school staff are committed to protecting students from abuse or harm, in accordance with their legal obligations including child safe standards. All of our Child Safety documents are on our website and available at the school.

Please see Dave or Jacqui if you have any questions or concerns about Child Safety and/ or our practices.



SunSmart Reminders

As a SunSmart School, all students and staff are required to wear a broad brimmed hat outside from September until the end of April. Please ensure your child has a hat

at school everyday.
Students are also
encouraged to wear
sunscreen to school and
bring their own sunscreen
to apply throughout the
day. Sunscreen is also
available at school if
needed.





Family Picnic

We have our family picnic coming up on Tuesday March 5 from 5.30 - 6.30pm. This is an opportunity for our school community to come together and share in a picnic tea (BYO). From 6pm - 6.30pm the classrooms will be open for families to wander through and see some of the learning that has taken place already this year. It is a great opportunity for the students to be the tour guide. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Student Leadership Program

In 2024, we have expanded our Student Leadership program to include a number of new teams who will take on extra roles and responsibilities around the school. Each team will have an adult leader who will work with the students throughout the year, guiding them to action projects and run activities while honing their leadership capabilities.

At assembly last week we congratulated the successful students who received a certificate and a badge to wear.

School Captains

Ivy Eamon Mazie Sean



<u>Junior School Council</u>

<u>Representatives</u>

3/4A Indi and Evelyn

3/4B James and Ruby

3/4C Judd and Cameron

3/4D Zoe and Aislinn

3/4E Ollie and Molly

5/6A Steve and D.

5/6B Isala and Ryan

5/6C Ryan and Bailey

5/6D Minka and Aaron



House Leaders

BOLTON - Byron and Felicity

ELEANOR - Kirby and Ruaridh

O'SHANNASSY - Sathvik and Eli

THOMPSON - Ruby and Aaron



Art Leaders

Allira

Jade

Stella

Eadie

Jenson



Performing Arts Leaders Coraline Charlie



LOTE/ Japanese Leaders
Niharica
Sahu



Wellbeing Leaders

Alexis

Thea

Bailey

Ellen



Sustainability Leaders

Ryan

Lizzy

Leon

Archer



ICT Leaders

Wes

Josh







PREP in Term 1



We would like to congratulate our amazing Preps on a wonderful start to their schooling. They have settled into school extremely well. All students are enthusiastic to learn, willing to try new things and becoming more independent every day.

In Reading we will be focusing on setting up a literate classroom. We will explore a range of picture story books and identify the difference between letters, words and sentences. Students will learn to identify the letter names and sounds and will use this knowledge to help with foundation reading strategies.

In Writing, students will learn how to correctly form each letter using beginning starting points and correct direction.

In Numeracy students will participate in a range of hands on and open-ended activities which require students to match numerals, number names and quantities.







Japanese in Term 1

The 2024 Japanese program has made a positive start. In Term 1, all students from Year 1-6 learn to talk about animals in Japanese. All grades were introduced an animal song in Japanese to help students to learn the name of the animals in oral and written way in Japanese. Year 1 and 2 students have made a dog and cat face with Origami paper and enjoyed singing the part of the animal song. Year 3 to 6 students have learned how to say what animal they like/don't like in Japanese. Year 3 and 4 students will learn how to describe the animals in Japanese thus Year 5 and 6 students will learn how to pronounce the animal's eating habits and habitat in Japanese.

Year 3 to 6 students will create an oral presentation to talk about their favourite animals in Japanese using the Seesaw app at the end of Term 1.









Animal Zodiac Story











Meet The Team



Kaiah McCahon

Program Coordinator



Shannon Whitaker
Program Administrator

Educators



Marcia Read



Kristie Leon



Rianan Turner



Bella Prendergast



Chloe Parry



Emma O'Keefe



Emma Trigg



Jacinta Shipham



Amelia Ridley

STUDENT AWARDS



Japanese 1/2F & 5/6B







1/2E & 5/6C







Performing Arts 3/4E & 1/2G







Visual Arts 5/6A & 00D







Lilian 00A



Atticus 00B



Sophie 00B



Rupert 00C



Annika 00C



Reyansh 00D



Billie 00D



Rory 1/2A



Samuel 1/2A



Mason 1/2B



Ivy 1/2B



Harriet 1/2C



Indi 1/2C



Kobe 1/2D



Denver 1/2D



Ricki 1/2E



Maisie 1/2E



Charlie 1/2F



Cooper 1/2F



Paddy 1/2G



Madison 1/2G



Olivia 1/2 H



Darcy 1/2H



Juan 3/4A



Indiana 3/4A



Reyansh 3/4B





Ted 3/4C



Ayesha 3/4C



Zoe 3/4D



Eve 3/4D



Hamish 3/4E



Emily 3/4E



Kiana 5/6A



Olivia 5/6B



Stella 5/6B



Archer 5/6C



Daniel 5/6C



Logan 5/6D



Georgia 5/6D







Phoenix Basketball Club are recruiting Girls & Boys aged 5-16 years old for the upcoming Winter Basketball Season

NEW SEASON STARTS IN APRIL

Weekly training held at The Arch (Ballarat High School)

Register Here





Email: phoenixcommittee@gmail.com