

Booligal Community Native Garden

Jade Auldist, as the Hay Plains Landcare coordinator, has secured a \$5000 grant through the Community Partnerships Program for a community native garden on the grounds of our school. On Monday March 1st, Jade will be working with students on the first stage of the project including a competition for the garden design. Stage two of the project will be the selection of plants, seed collection and the propagation of a selection of those plants. The project aims to teach the importance of native plants, weed control, water conservation; and offering an understanding of how our actions can have an impact on preserving the environment, increase natural habitats and ecosystems, and reduce the impacts of climate change.

Music & Yoga

Every Tuesday morning the older students have individual zoom music lesson with Chris Bodey and each Thursday morning we all kick start our day with a yoga session with Michelle Spence.

Super Friday

This year we will be again sharing our Super Friday educational extension days with Carrathool Public School and Hay School of the Air. Our first Super Friday this year is scheduled for March 12. We have an exciting day planned of Cali Dance with Verity, Music with Chris Bodey, Art with Debbie Donahue and Tennis with Stuart..



ICPA Hay Branch

If you have been thinking about joining the local ICPA branch or wondering what ICPA can do for your family NOW is the best time to find out more. Hay is about to host the State Conference and we encourage you to investigate. Come along during the two-day conference to observe or join in with one of the nightly dinners or day activities between March 9 – 11th. For more information either check out the ICPA Event page <https://nsw.icpa.com.au/event/view/65/49th-nsw-icpa-state-conference-10th-11th-march-2021> or send us an email conferenceicpa21@gmail.com



ICPA has a strong, well respected voice at both state and federal levels of government. In recent times they have been active in actions regarding, telehealth, pre-school funding, small school issues, mental health, educational content, living away from home allowances, communications and importantly during 2020 shut down - remote learning.

If you are interested in joining please contact our Membership Officer:

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School Dates

26 Feb	District Swimming Carnival
1 March	Landcare Native Garden
10 March	Regional Swimming Carnival
12 March	Super Friday
22 March	Cricket
28 March	Lily Birthday
1 April	Last day of term



Principal's Report

Welcome to the 2021 school year with Booligal Public School, our 150th anniversary! This will be my tenth year as Principal at BPS - and officially the longest on record since 1871!

We extend a warm welcome to our Kindergarten students, Scarlett Crossley, Hannah O'Neil and Paddy Shields.

At the end of last year we held our annual Presentation night. Whilst we fondly, yet sadly, farewelled Grace Mclean and Hope Job, the evening was another great success. We wish them both all the best for the future. The Presentation night showcased the students CaliDance, with their amazing acrobatic skills and finished with another wonderful ukulele and guitar recital. Thank you to all in our community who attended.

This year we welcome back Miss Bronwyn Hicks as a permanent staff member and Mrs Emily Turner, who

will return to run our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program. We also welcome Verity Auldist to our administration office.

As is typical for this time of the year, the students spent the first couple of weeks of term preparing for the annual Hay Public School swimming carnival, which was held on 12 February. All of the students are to be commended on their efforts. A massive thank you to Sarah Houston for her organising of the carnival and for allowing us to compete as part of the HPS carnival. Thanks also to all of our parents who helped out on the day. We welcome all families to support our students who will be competing at the District Carnival on Friday 26 February.

This year we will be continuing with our Super Friday Educational Extension every second Friday. We will once again be participating in music, dance, educational and sporting opportunities with Carrathool Public School and Hay School of the Air.

Welcome

We were very excited to welcome our new Kindergarten students BPS in 2021.

Name: Scarlett Crossley

Pet: Rosie the dog

What is your favourite...

Colour: Pink and purple

Sport: Calisthenics

Book: Bluey

Food: Watermelon and strawberries

Friends: Charlotte and Cooper, Eli

Thing about school: Everything



Scarlett, Hannah and Paddy's first day of Kindergarten BPS

Name: Hannah O'Neil

Pet: Molly and Buddy the Jack Russells

What is your favourite...

Colour: Pink and blue

Sport: Tennis

Book: Wiggles Piano Book

Food: Watermelon and strawberries

Friends: Ali and Clare

Thing about school: Playing

Name: Paddy Shields

Pet: Sandra the goat and Sparky the dog

What is your favourite...

Colour: Blue

Sport: Soccer

Book: Bluey

Food: Carrots

Friends: Lenny and Xander

Thing about school: Playing and gardening



Displaying their writing skills

School Swimming Carnival

The BPS students participated in the annual Hay Public School Swimming Carnival on 12th February. The BPS students were all enthusiastic competitors and achieved some great results. A special mention to Maggie Shields who won Small Schools Junior Girl Champion.

Small Schools Results

Lily Plum

(2nd 11yr 50m freestyle, 1st 11yr 50m breaststroke, 2nd 11yr 50m backstroke)

Maggie Shields

(1st 10yr 50m freestyle, 1st Jnr 50m breaststroke, 1st Jnr 50m backstroke)

Dusty Plum

(1st 9yr 50m freestyle, 1st Jnr 50m breaststroke, 1st Jnr 50m backstroke)

Jagger Shields

(2nd 9yr 50m freestyle)

The relay team of Dusty Plum, Jagger Shields, Maggie Shields and Lily Plum, qualified first for the P6 relay at the Deniliquin District Carnival.



Maggie Shields Junior Girl Champion

Tennis

With support from Sporting Schools Funding we have also been able to continue with our tennis program beyond Super Friday. Each Wednesday Stuart Callaghan has travelled to us for lessons on the school courts.



Eli, Lily, Maggie, Jagger, Dusty 'strike a tennis pose'

Kitchen Garden

Our Kitchen Garden produced a wealth of produce over the holidays, which Mrs Stewart collected in preparation for our first session in the kitchen with Mrs Turner. We've set the bar high with a very sophisticated and delicious Four Cheese Ravioli in homemade tomato sauce!

