

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event
Week 3 Wednesday 11 February Thursday 12 February Friday 13 February	Meet & Greet Night – 6pm to 7pm YSS Swimming Carnival – primary students K-2 Excursion Coota Volleyball – Years 5 & 6
Week 4	
Week 5 Wednesday 25 February	District Swimming Carnival
Week 6 Wednesday 4 March	P&C AGM

We are delighted to welcome our students, families and staff back for the start of a new primary school year. This year brings exciting learning opportunities, new goals and many moments to grow, explore and succeed together. We look forward to working in partnership with our school community to support every child's learning and wellbeing. Here's to a happy, positive and rewarding year ahead!

STAFF

We are proud to have such a dedicated and caring team of staff who work tirelessly to support our students' learning and wellbeing. Their commitment, professionalism and passion help make our school a positive and welcoming place for all.

Principal & Years 3-6 teacher: Mrs Amanda Butt

Years 1 to 2 teacher: Miss Bridgett Mayoh

Kindergarten teacher: Mrs Kathryn Simpson

School Learning Support Officer: Miss Rhyleigh Hallcroft

School Learning Support Officer & School Office Admin: Mrs Ann Maree Kelly – Monday to Thursday

School Administration Manager: Mrs Kim Cormack – Monday to Thursday

General Assistant: Mr Scott Cormack – Wednesday and Thursday

KINDERGARTEN

We warmly welcome our newest Kindergarten students and their families to our school community. This is a very special year filled with new friendships, fun learning experiences and important first steps in each child's school journey. We look forward to supporting our Kindergarten students as they grow, explore and learn in a happy and caring environment.



MEET AND GREET

We're excited to welcome families to our School Meet & Greet Night being held next Wednesday evening, 11 February. It will start at 6pm and finish at 7pm. This is a fantastic opportunity for families to come along and meet each other.

The evening will begin in the classrooms where you will be given an outline of what will be happening in your child's classroom this year and followed afterwards by a BBQ outside under the trees.

We hope to see you there!

LIBRARY

Students are encouraged to borrow from the school library and enjoy a wide range of books throughout the year. Borrowing helps develop a love of reading and supports classroom learning. Please remember to return library books on time and in good condition so everyone can enjoy them.

Please ensure your child has a library bag to keep the books safe from food, drink and weather. Using a library bag also teaches students responsibility and care for shared resources.

Library days are: Kindergarten - Thursday

Years 1 – 2 - Thursday

Years 3 – 6 - Friday



PERSONAL DETAILS

It is important that all families complete and return the Personal Update Details Form attached to ensure the school has accurate and up-to-date information. Current contact details and emergency information help us communicate effectively with families and ensure student safety at all times.

Thank you for helping us keep our records up to date.

New kindergarten families do not need to complete this form unless any of your details have changed since completing your child's enrolment form.

EVERYDAY ITEMS

During Term 1, can you please make sure your children bring their hats to school each day. We have in place a "No hat – Shade Play" Policy. This means students without a hat need to stay under the COLA and will not be able to participate in games on the oval or grassed areas and will be unable to play on the play equipment.

Please remember that we have "**fruit break**" each day around 9:40am. Students can only have fruit or vegetables during this time – not packaged snacks.

Drink Bottle – students need to bring a drink bottle with water in it to school each day. We do have bubblers at school but during the summer months the water is warm.

Lunch box - please ensure your child has a healthy nutritious lunch and recess each day. We kindly ask you not to pack lollies and to keep these items as treats for home.

Sport – sport will again be held on Fridays. Students are to wear their sports uniform and hat. They will also need a drink bottle on sport days.

SCHOOL BYTES

We will be using School Bytes again this year for our main parent communication. Most notes regarding excursions and events will be sent to you via the School Bytes app. This means that you can give permission online and make payments using your credit card. Should you still wish to send in cash to pay for excursions, please feel free to do so.

Please note that you cannot pay for P & C purchases through School Bytes. These need to be paid directly to the P & C by either cash or direct deposit into their account. These purchases include: uniforms, canteen and P & C related fundraising activities.

If you have not already done so, can you please sign up to School Bytes as well as install the app on your phone. Should you need to instructions the to do this, please contact the school office.

Please find attached the School Bytes flyer for registration (new families only).

PERMISSION NOTES

It is important that all permission notes are returned on or before their due dates. This ensures that all students can participate safely in planned activities. When notes are not returned on time, this causes time to be spent chasing up missing forms, which can delay planning, create administrative burden and sometimes even prevent students from taking part. Your prompt response with notes will be very much appreciated.

ABSENCES & PARTIAL ABSENCES

Regular attendance at school is essential for student learning, wellbeing, and achievement. Attending school every day helps students build strong learning habits, maintain social connections, and fully engage with the curriculum. Families play a vital role in supporting regular attendance and punctuality, and we appreciate your continued partnership in ensuring students attend school every day it is possible to do so.

The Department of Education requires an explanation of an absence within 7 days or the absence will be marked as “unexplained”.

If your child arrives at school late or needs to leave early, it is important that a parent or carer contacts the school office. This ensures student safety, allows the school to update attendance records accurately and helps us manage learning time effectively. If we do not hear from parents/carers, the absence will be marked as “unexplained”.

We appreciate your support in keeping our students safe and their learning on track.

If we do not receive an explanation from you, we will then contact you via phone call, text or letter.

Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

5 mins
per day



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3 days

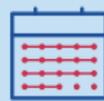


30 mins
per day



=

18 days



**Patterns of lateness
can have a serious
impact on your child's
education.**

education.nsw.gov.au

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Next Thursday, 12 February, our students who are turning 8 and over this year, will be competing in the Young Small Schools PSSA Swimming Carnival.

Students will need to be at the Young Aquatic Centre by 8:45am in order to start at 9am. You will need to pick your child up at the end of the day. The carnival should be finished by 2pm.

Your child will need to wear a rashie with their swimmers and please pack their sunscreen, water bottle and a full lunch box. Canteen is also available on the day.

P & C

Our P & C meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm at school. All families are welcome to attend. The P & C Committee plays a vital role in supporting the school community by fostering strong partnerships between parents, teachers and students. Your involvement will help enhance your children's education, strengthen school programs and create a more connected and engaged school environment.

Whether you would like to share ideas, volunteer, or support initiatives, your contribution is valued and appreciated. Together, we can make a positive impact!

P & C purchases include uniforms and canteen. You can either pay cash to the school or deposit direct into the P&C Account when purchasing uniforms or paying for canteen.

Our AGM will be held on Wednesday, 4 March at 6:30pm in the staffroom. All positions are vacant. Our usual meeting will take place straight after.

COMMUNITY NEWS

NRL – The NRL are pleased to announce they will be running a Leagues Stars program in Boorowa! League Stars is safe, inclusive and educational. Our professionally trained Rugby League Development Officers ensure every participant has equal opportunity to laugh and learn in a non-contact, organised and safe environment. The program will run for 6 weeks, being held on Tuesday afternoons 4:30pm to 5:30pm from 17.2.26 to 24.3.26 at the Boorowa Showground.

Cost of the program is \$89 per participant to register. Each League Star's participant will receive a NRL pack – the packs will be delivered to participants address once they register. Active Kids Vouchers are also accepted. The register please follow the link: <https://bit.ly/BoorowaLeagueStars2026>



BOOKCLUB

Bookclub orders are due back to school no later than Friday 20 February. You can order online or return your order to school with the cash enclosed.

ABSENCES & PARTIAL ABSENCES

Every day counts, as regular attendance helps students to:

- Develop a sense of belonging
- Develop and maintain friendships
- Be more engaged at school
- Progress with their learning
- Be more aware of career and life options

It is a Department of Education requirement that all absences are explained within 7 days. If there is no explanation, the absence is marked as “unexplained”. To explain your child’s absence, you can:

- Phone the school
- Email – monteagle-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
- Write a note
- Send a text – 0428 836 207
- Use School Bytes



P & C Account Details

BSB: 802-367

Account no: 400 652 161

Account name: Monteagle PC Association

Reference: Your surname and uniform or canteen