Welcome to our first Newsletter for Term 1 and also a big welcome back to the students, staff, parents and especially our new kindergarten student Lily Plum. We are also pleased to welcome Lily’s’ parents Quintin and Di and Lily’s’ younger brother Dusty to the Booligal community.

The students participated in the HPS Swimming Carnival on Friday 12th February. All students are to be congratulated on their participation and encouragement to fellow students on the day. Booligal was competing against School of the Air and Carrathool Public School in the annual small schools derby. Congratulations to our age champions on the day-Tom, Dimity and Maddie. The Booligal relay team, consisting of Lane, Maddie, Tom, and Dimity were outstanding in the relay taking the points on the day in a close contest.

Students have been travelling into Hay to participate in a little swimming training in readiness for the Zone Swimming Carnival, to be held at the Hay Pool on Thursday. A huge thank you to those parents that have assisted in transporting the students to the extra school activities. It is greatly appreciated.

During week 2 in a busy sporting week for Booligal Public, the students were very fortunate to participate in a cricket training session with Hays’ talented female cricketer Jodie Hick while she was on a break with the ACT meteors and the Sydney Sixes. All students thoroughly enjoyed their skill sessions with Jodie, learning some very valuable tips along the way. A very big thankyou to Jodie for sparing her valuable time and sharing her expertise with the students.

Tom McLean and Lane Job participated in the Deniliquin PSSA Cricket Trials on Monday. Even though the boys were not selected, they have gained experience and learnt more skills. A big thank you to Hugh McLean for transporting the boys over to Deniliquin.

The kitchen garden has been flourishing over the holidays, with eggplants, zucchinis, tomatoes growing in abundance. Students have put the produce to good use, making Zucchini & Chive Slice. and Zucchini Bread. We look forward to more inspirational moments in the Kitchen Garden in 2016.

Linda Stewart
BPS at Swimming Carnival
By Maddie Jones
On the second week back at school we travelled into Hay to participate in the Hay Swimming Carnival. Everyone was very nervous but still entered lots of swimming races. Hope Job, Grace Mclean and Lachlan Spence all entered their first ever swimming carnival. Lachlan swam in the 50m freestyle and 50m breaststroke. Grace swam in 50m freestyle and breaststroke and Hope swam in 50m freestyle. There was a surprise performance from Max Spence after Lachlan withdrew due to tiredness in backstroke. Stage 1 participated in the junior relay and came third. Tom, Lane, Dim and I were in the senior relay and we surprised ourselves by coming first.

We had 2 champions on the day, Dim was Junior Girl and Tom was 11 year boy champion. I was runner up 11 year Girl Champion to Kate Turner from SOTA. Congratulations to SOTA, who were over all Smalls Schools winners.

Swimming Carnival Results—Booligal Public School

**Boys 100 meter freestyle**
Tom McLean (2nd)

**Girls 100 metre freestyle**
Dimity McLean (1st)

**Boys 8 year old 50 meter freestyle**
Lachlan Spence (2nd)

**Girls 8 year old 50 metre freestyle**
Grace McLean (2nd)
Hope Job (3rd)

**Girls 10 year old 50 metre freestyle**
Dimity McLean (1st)

**Boys 11 year old 50 metre freestyle**
Tom McLean (1st)

**Girls 11 year old 50 metre freestyle**
Maddie Jones (2nd)

**Boys 12 years old 50 metre freestyle**
Lane Job (2nd)

**Girls 8–10 year old breaststroke**
Dimity McLean (1st)

**Girls 11 year old breastroke**
Maddie Jones (2nd)

**Boys 11 year old backstroke**
Tom McLean (1st)

**Girls 11 year old backstroke**
Maddie Jones (2nd)

**Girls 8—10 year 50 metre butterfly**
Dimity McLean (1st)

**Boys 11 year old 50 metre butterfly**
Maddie Jones (1st)

**Girls 11 year old butterfly**
Dimity McLean (1st)

**Girls 8—10 year old 200 metre IM**
Dimity McLean (1st)
Hi Lily and welcome to B.P.S

Lily has enjoyed her first 4 weeks at Booligal. I interviewed Lily to find out more about her!

Where did you live before you came to Booligal?

Tarcutta.

Do you have a favourite pet?

My dog Mimi

Do you have any siblings?

My brother, Dusty Plum

What is your favourite thing to do on a rainy day?

Play inside with my fairy dolls

What is your favourite thing to do on a sunny day?

Play in the paddling pool

What is your favourite food?

Strawberries

What is your favourite hobby?

Tennis and soccer

When is your birthday?

28 of March and I am 5 years old

What things do you do at Box Yards? Do the cooking for the shearers

Unlucky 11th –The Deniliquin Cricket trials report by Tom Mclean

On the 22nd of February Lane and I attended the Deniliquin district PSSA cricket trials to see if we could gain selection for the next stage in the Riverina cricket trials.

Also in the car were Ryno Booth from SOTA, Adrian Pascoe and Danga’s Stewart from Hay Public School. After a 2 hour trip we arrived in Deni and also at the trials were James Caldow, Tom Cristenson and Jack Headon.

Overall there were 30 boys at the trials and only 10 boys were going to be chosen to go on to the next level.

Everyone was given a chance to bowl and bat and at the end of the 2 hours it came down to the wire with me and a kid from Tooleybuc. The selectors asked me to send down a ball which I thought meant to get a ball and walk it down to them but it meant to bowl a ball! So I went back to my mark and let one rip. Unfortunately ………….it was a bad ball. Luckily the selectors gave me another chance so I went back to my mark and let another one rip and this time……..it was a great ball! The selectors then asked the kid from Tooleybuc to bowl, he bowled a ball and it was a wide! I was sure I was going to make the team. They gave the kid another 10 tries except most of the balls were bad and I was even more sure I would make the team.

The selectors then called us all over to the shade and read out the team.

There were about 3 Tom’s on the list and one was called Tom McKay and I nearly got up and walked out the front when his name was called! In the end the selectors gave the nod to the kid from Tooleybuc over me so Ryan, Adrian, Lane and Danga’s went to Maccas and drove home.

Thank-you to Hugh Mclean for driving us to Deni to attend the trials.
Champion Hay Cricketer Jodie Hicks
Cricket Clinic

By Lane Job

Last week we went to hay to do a cricket clinic with Jodie Hicks who is a local cricketer who plays in the Women's Big Bash League for the Sydney Sixers. First we did fielding practice. My favourite part of fielding was the slips catching. After fielding we practiced batting and bowling. Jodie taught the little kids to bowl and bat. The little kids tried to hit every ball for six but it was not successful and they got out most of the time. Some of the little kids made contact with the ball and they went flying! The part I enjoyed the most was the batting and bowling. At the end of the session we asked Jodie to sign our bats, drink bottles and gloves so that we can say we knew her before she was famous.

Mrs Headon helps Ruby Jones cool off

Lachy Spence getting some catching tips while Hope Job gets ready to run

Max Spence ready for action

Ruby Jones takes a catch while Lane Job looks on.

Jodie Hicks teaching the Booligal Public School students some tips for catching and fielding.
Book Club
The Carnival Book Club handouts have arrived. The Carnival Book Club range is wonderful and diverse, spanning the K-6 age range in one comprehensive catalogue. Carnival Book Club is only sent out to schools once a term. If you would like to order from the handouts, just bring your order and money to the office at school.

University of NSW International Competitions

Please complete the entry form and return to the office at school by Tuesday 30th March.

Name: __________________ Year ________
Class __________________
Please Tick

- Digital Technologies—17th May—$8.00
- Science—31st May — $8.00
- Spelling—15th June—$11.00
- Writing—13-17 June—$17.00
- English—2nd August—$8.00
- Mathematics—16th August—$8.00
- All of the above—$60.00

Total Payment Enclosed: $______________
Swimming Carnival

Aim for our Best