



Boort District P - 12 School

9 - 27 Malone St
BOORT, 3537
Ph: 03 5455 2201
Mobile 0477 741 594

Email: boort.district.p12@education.vic.gov.au
Website: www.boortds.vic.gov.au

May 27th 2020

Issue 10

VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to empower our students and staff to work together to become active and valued community members. We provide a safe and supportive learning environment, which fosters independent, resilient lifelong learners.

BDS Motto: 'Achieving Excellence Together'

BDS Beliefs and Values: Thinking Creatively and Independently

CREATIVITY

We ask that students are not on the school grounds before 8.40am each day as supervision is not provided before this time.

DIARY DATES

May

27th National Simultaneous Reading

June

8th Queen's birthday holiday

26th Last day of 2 Term. Report writing day. Student free day.

Newsletter – Week 7, Term 2

Principal's Report

First week back after Remote Learning

It was with great excitement that we welcomed back our F, 1, 2, 3, VCE and VCAL students yesterday. There were many smiles and lots of greetings to friends happening from the time the buses started pulling into the bus stop.

Once again, thank you to all families who spent many hours

working with their children at home or providing work spaces for students to allow the successful integration of remote learning.

Some photos have been included of students on their first day.

Correction/Report Writing Day

This is forward notice that there will be a correction/report-writing day on Friday 26th June (last day of Term 2). This will be a pupil free day. VCE and VCAL students will receive a hardcopy of their report. All other students will have feedback available on Xuno – including comments regarding transition back to on-site learning and coping with remote learning.

Biggest Morning Tea

The SRC have organised a 'virtual' morning tea where they have asked for photos of decorated cakes and biscuits to be sent in for judging. A donation will be made to the Cancer Council on behalf of all students.

Exams

Due to Covid-19 and the remote learning situation, we have organised for Unit 1 exams and SACs to be completed in week 10. Unit 3 practice exams are still being negotiated. New information from the VCAA (people who organise Year 12 exams) has the General Achievement Test occurring on 9th September and end of year exams starting during the week of 9th November.

Lee-Anne Sherwell
Principal

Principal's Availability over the Next Week

Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
At School				



First day back on site for Gateways

Yesterday saw the first of our Gateways students back at school as a handful for Year 10s completing VCE subjects were back in class. Kate Beattie, fresh from a 16th birthday, is now able to take the wheel of the Gator, ably assisted by Joel Bremner. Those landscaping projects are up and running again!

Wanted – Quinces! Does anyone have a tree full of quinces that they would like to donate to the Gateways class. Will come and pick! Please let me know.

Tom Bleicher

Gateways Co-ordinator



SRC- Biggest Morning Tea... Remotely!

SRC members have been meeting via Webex and have come up with the idea to still hold our annual Biggest Morning Tea for 2020, but with a twist!

Families are encouraged to dress up or do some baking to enter a little competition we have running to support The Cancer Council, where prizes will be given for:

'Best Fancy Dress Costume'

'Best Decorated Biscuits'

'Best Decorated Cake/Cupcakes'

SRC will be donating money to The Cancer Council on behalf of all students to show our support. **Please note that no gold coin donations will be required from students or families**

and this is an optional activity should you wish to participate.

Simply email your photo to Mr Sims (simns@boortds.vic.edu.au) or Miss Griffiths

(griffithsa@boortds.vic.edu.au) before May 29th and the SRC students will judge the entries.

Thank you for your support.



Canteen News

Please see below for the Canteen's Wednesday and Winter Menu. Please print these and pop it on your fridge.

WE'RE SPRINKLING SOME FUN!

BIGGEST MORNING TEA... REMOTELY!

Prizes for best costume, best
decorated biscuits or
cake/cupcake!

Email a photo of your fancy dress costume or
decorated biscuit or cake to Mr Sims or Miss
Griffiths and let our SRC members decide on some
winners. Good luck!



Back to School Today

Stephanie Mulrooney



I wake up with anticipation
tickling on my skin.
Excitement builds inside me, it's
so hard to hold it in!
I look at my reflection and I grin
from ear to ear.
The day that I've been waiting
for... yes finally, it's here!

It's time to read and write again,
to think and laugh and play.
I've missed my friends so very
much since we have been away.
I think of all the fun we have,
the silly jokes we share.
I cannot wait to see them all, I
can't wait to be there!

So why do I feel butterflies deep
down within my core?
Why do I feel nervous, and
reluctant, and unsure?
What if I've forgotten all the
things I'm meant to do?
What if things are not the same
as what I thought I knew?

I enter the familiar grounds, the
memories returning.
Happy thoughts of special times,
of friendship and of learning.
There's bustle in the playground as
the children dash around.
Oh, how I've missed that cheerful
noise, it's such a joyous sound!

I turn to see my teacher smiling
at the classroom door.
I know at once that there's
no need to worry anymore.
A giant grin lights up my face.
I think it's fair to say,
That I am simply overjoyed to
be back at school today!



Writing Trait of the Week- Organisation

This week we are looking at the Trait of *Organisation*. This is the way in which we organise the wonderful ideas that we have, into a form that makes logical sense for our readers.

Here are two examples, one that is not well organised, and one that is VERY well organised. Example 2 is from one of our students, completed during remote learning.

Example 1- Note how it jumps from idea to idea and back again. It has a central idea, but the piece is not organised in a logical way.

Elephants

There are two main types of elephant, the Asian Elephant and the African Elephant. They both eat a lot of food.

Elephants are the largest land mammal in the world. Asian Elephants have smaller ears than African Elephants.

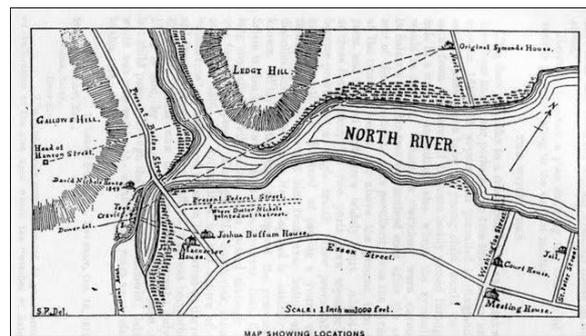
Elephants eat leave, grass, fruit and bark. Male and female African Elephants have tusks, whereas only male Asian elephants generally have tasks.

Example 2- This is has a clear introduction to the main idea, and leads seamlessly into discussion of individual victims.

The Salem Witch Trials

The Salem Witch Trials were a series of hangings of people who were accused of being a witch or showing a sign of witchcraft. They began during the spring of 1692 after a group of girls in Salem Village were accused of being possessed by the devil.

The first convicted witch was Bridget Bishop, who was hung that June on Salem's Gallows Hill. 18 others were hung on that very hill, and around 200 people were accused of being a witch. And Giles Corey was even tortured to death for refusing to enter a plea of guilty or not guilty.



Giles Corey

Giles Cory was accused of witchcraft along with his wife, after being arrested he refused to enter a plea so he was sent to torture. He was subjected to pressing as an attempt to force him to plea but never budged. He did not cry out as the rocks were placed on the boards. He was asked three times to plead in a span of two days, but all that he replied was "more weight". He died three days into the torture on September 19th, 1692, and his last words are not proven but they believe them to be: "More weight", "more rocks" or "damn you, I curse you and Salem". His wife was hung three days later.

He was absolved of the crime in 1712, although his wife was not.

Foundation



Victoria's
insect
habitat



Connor writing and learning at home.



Milla's sprout house and lady
beetle.



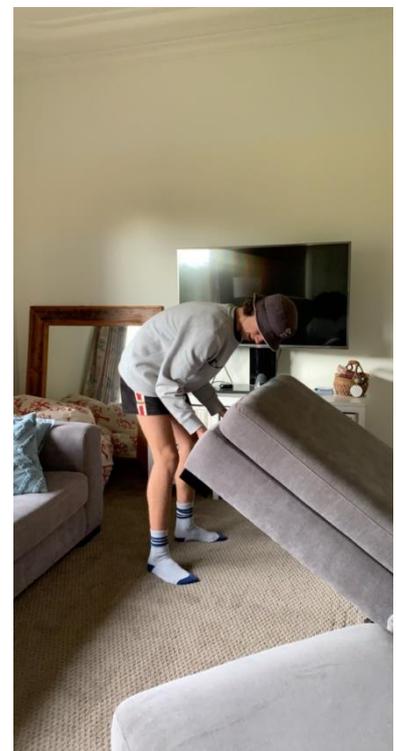
Year 1/2

Remote Learning Update from Year 2/3



Unit 1 Physical Education

Students in VCE Unit 1 Physical Education, have studied the Circulatory system during remote learning and their practical tasks have included wearing a heart rate monitor to collect data while undertaking a skipping/body weight session, circuit session designed by student with varying intensities, cross country run of their choice 3km, 4km or 5km and a home based work out last week, incorporating home objects, furniture or structural design. The students have completed all sessions with enthusiasm and last week was no exception. It also highlighted the creativity of the group. Below are examples of Jake and Joel undertaking their home workout exercises.





Year 8 Outdoor Education Backyard Camp Out

The Year 8, Outdoor Education class enjoyed planning and undertaking a range of outdoor activities as part of their studies last week. Usually at this time each year the Outdoor Ed class would ride to the Granites, camp overnight and then return the following day, after enjoying the outdoors exploring the granite rocks, sleeping in swags or tents and making meals for themselves on a Trangia stove or campfire. As part of remote learning the students did not miss out on this experience, it just happened a little differently. Students had to pick from a range of options relating to bike riding, campfires, camping out, and meal preparation to design their own experience. Mr Rowley and Mrs Chamberlain have been suitably impressed by the creativity of our students and the genuine joy this experience created.

Some of the activities undertaken were:

- Beau and Ryan riding to Barraport and return.
- Lucy and Eddie meeting up and riding 15 km together.
- Ella and Isabelle creating inside fortresses made of sheets and cushions.
- Eliza, Alice and Tayla meeting up to ride together and enjoying the catch up.
- Alice and her sisters camping out in swags on the farm and taking turns throughout the night to stoke the fire.
- Alex Cockerell indulging in sweet smores around the campfire.
- Jett, Ella, Alex, Eddie preparing sausages cooked on the campfire hotplate or bbq.

- Alex Chamberlain making cheese and chicken jaffles cooked on the campfire.
- Jett and Alby sleeping in their swags in their backyards.
- Ryan and Amelie cooking damper on the indoor wood stove.
- Mrs Chamberlain enjoying riding the backroads with Alex.
- Mr Rowley riding the mountain bike tracks in Spring Gully with his daughter.
- Amelie camping in her tent in the backyard and cooking potatoes for tea in the fire.
- Many students toasting marshmallows and enjoying the ambience of the flickering campfire.

WINTER MENU



Terms 2 & 3

Available everyday

Hot Cheese Rolls	\$3.50
Hot Ham Rolls	\$3.50
Hot Chicken Rolls	\$3.50
Hot Ham & Cheese	\$4.50
Hot Chicken & Cheese	\$4.50
Nachos (year 5 to 12 only)	\$3.50

Rolls, sandwiches & wraps as per Term 1 & 4 menu

Monday & Thursday

Pies and Pasties	\$4.50
Sausage Rolls....11cm	\$3.00
Party Pies	\$1.20

Tuesday & Friday

Steamed Dim Sims	\$1.00 each
-------------------------	--------------------

Wednesday

Every Wednesday will be an alternate menu- please refer to attached sheet for timeline of Wednesday options.

Wednesday Menu

Please see attached to the newsletter a new menu for Terms 2 & 3 of our hot food options. This year again on a Wednesday we will be having an alternating menu. Below is the timetable of options available. Ordering will be on the day as per normal.

Hot Potato - potato, coleslaw, cheese & sour cream \$4.50

Chicken wrap - wrap, 2 chicken tenders, lettuce, tomato & cheese plus mayo or Sweet Chilli sauce \$4.50

Hot Dog- bun, saveloy & sauce/mustard \$3.50

Hamburger - bun, meat , lettuce, tomato, beetroot & cheese \$4.50

Term 2

15.4.20 Hot Potato

22.4.20 Chicken wrap

29.4.20 Hamburger

6.5.20 Pasta-Bolognese

13.5.20 Hot Dog

20.5.20 Hot Potato

27.5.20 Hot Potato

3.6.20 Chicken wrap

10.6.20 Hamburger

17.6.20 Hot Dog

24.6.20 Hot Potato

Term 3

15.7.20 Chicken Wrap

22.7.20 Hamburger

29.7.20 Hot Dog

5.8.20 Hot Potato

12.8.20 Chicken wrap

19.8.20 Hamburger

26.8.20 No hot lunches-Aths

2.9.20 Hot Dog

9.9.20 Hot Potato

16.9.20 Chicken wrap

Please keep this list on the fridge as a reference.

ENJOY

COMMUNITY NEWS



NDCH

Northern District Community Health

NDCH-your first port of call in the pursuit of good health!

Transitioning Back to School

Anxiety: It is normal to be anxious or worried about children going back to school – for both children and parents. Let your children know that there are lots of health professionals working hard to make sure that it is safe for them to return. Health professionals are monitoring schools and the current situation.



Feelings: Ask your children how they are feeling about returning to school. Check in each day, as their feelings can change. We know that some children will not want to go back and it may be hard for some parents. Let them know that it will also be a time that they can see their friends. Your school will be able to support you.



Connect: Talk to other parents. Check in on how they are feeling. Let them know how you are feeling. We are all in this together, but each of us have our own situation and feelings too – remember to be kind to others. Try to support and care for each other during this time.



Routine: Try to start getting back into routine – or into a new routine. For example, going to sleep earlier, waking up earlier, getting dressed, not staying in pajamas all day. This will be different for everyone. If you start now, it will be easier next week – but know that not every day will go to plan, be kind to yourself and your family.



Take Care: Remember to take care of your own and your children's mental health. There have been many changes during this time – going back to school is another big change. Find something that works for you and your family. For example, still do things you enjoy, take deep breaths when you feel anxious, practice mindfulness using the SmilingMind app, go for a walk, talk to friends and family.



www.ndch.org.au