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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: Pursuing Excellence in all Areas



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

DIARY DATES

November

11th Gunbower Creek Exc
11th Finance Meeting
13th Pyramid Hill Transition Day
16th Last Day Year 11
18th Year 6 Camp
18th Year 10 Mock interviews
18th Preschool Transition
18th School Council Meeting.
23rd Kick start Year 11
27th Youth Day Celebrations

December

4th Correction Day – Pupil Free

Principal's Report

Correction Day

Forward notice – a pupil free day for correction and Xuno reporting will be held on Friday, 4th December.

Exams

All Year 12 students started their exams yesterday. Their last exam will be on Friday 27th November. They have worked hard over the last years to get to this point and we congratulate them on their efforts. The VCE Unit 2 students start exams next week after having a study day next Monday. This will be followed by the Kick start programme for all students doing a Unit 3/4 subject in 2021.

Xuno

A reminder to all families that feedback is available on Xuno for all students F-12. All families have the option of downloading comments. I have added the instructions below and would be interested in hearing if anyone tries it. I cannot log on as a parent so I cannot try it out before

you do.

Kindergarten Transition

Our first transition day for Kindergarten students will be held next Wednesday, 18th November. Pre-school students will be here for an hour participating in 'get to know the school' activities.

Remembrance Day

A big thank you to all our students who delivered a moving Remembrance Day ceremony today. Our SRC students ran the service and students from Years 7 to Year 11 spoke about the effects of war on soldiers, the people at home and the land. Many thanks to Drew Crilly for organising the service, Merryn Rees for providing the quilt and poppy decorations, SRC for selling poppies and to Elias Lanyon who sang the national anthem. This year, the service was done via WebEx.

Bushfire Preparedness

This is a timely reminder to prepare our own homes and run through a bushfire evacuation plan. The school is clearing vegetation and having our trees inspected in preparation for the bushfire season. We will run fire drills throughout this term. We are a 'bushfire at risk' school and will be closed on Code Red days. All families will be alerted if this situation arises.

Parent Opinion Survey

The Parent Opinion Survey closes this Friday. Please log on to the following link and use the school pin provided here.

<https://www.orima.com.au/parent> School PIN: 768314

Principal Availability next week

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| Thursday | Friday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday |
| On Leave | On Leave | On Leave | At School | At School |

Parents' Club Fete raffle Draw (Repeat from last week)

The winners of the raffle that was to be held at the fete in March was drawn at the AGM on Monday, 2nd November.

The winners are:

- 1st Prize – Sienna Adams Pioneers Settlement Family pass, Big 4 caravan park voucher and fuel voucher
2nd Prize – Garry Zanker Home Hardware gift card, Arnold family Butchers voucher and Boort IGA voucher
3rd Prize – Roxy Aldrich Basketball, drink bottle, socks donated by Kathryn Lanyon

Many thanks to all our sponsors who donated gifts for the raffle. Winners have been notified.

This week is NAIDOC Week

More information about NAIDOC week can be found at <https://www.naidoc.org.au/>



Season after season after season. It has been a fabulous journey that finishes soon, possibly as soon as Wednesday 11th Nov.

It's hard to believe that I have been a Chaplain at Boort District School for about four years. It's been a privilege to meet so many amazing people and to witness the professionalism of your staff and teachers. The students in Boort have long benefited from their dedication. It has been an amazing journey. Though I have delivered small programs regarding the school values and gratitude and helped out at breakfast on the

Wednesday, I think the most enjoyable time has been spent in the classrooms, supporting teachers and students with literacy, numerous, excursions and any other activities. It is in the small things, the small connections, that the values of our society grow. Gratitude, empathy, resilience. teamwork and learning to lead compassionately and effectively, apologise and properly receiving an apology are part of growing in emotional intelligence. Teamwork and getting along are important in today's world. The outpouring of this is seen in the community connectedness that thrives in Boort. Thank you, parents, for allowing me the space in which to work with your children. This thankyou is also extended to staff and teachers. Thank you for welcoming me into your heart. I will miss you.
Fondest regards Maureen.

Family Accounts

A reminder to families making payments into family accounts – could these please be finalised as soon as possible. **If you have ordered a school magazine, these need to be paid for before distribution.**

PARENTS' CLUB NEWS!!

The Parents' Club got together last Monday, for our Annual AGM, thank you to all that attended or who were apologies. We thank you all for your contributions over the past year and look forward to another year. We welcome our new Committee and office bearers:

President - Maddie Scott

Vice President - Sherryn O'Flaherty

Secretary/Treasurer - Kelly Henderson

Even though this year has been a bit different due to Covid, Parents' Club have contributed to Mother's/Father's Day gift materials that went home to parents, storage cupboards for each classroom in the silver building, new Eskies for camps and sports days, new Library Shelving, Library Bags for the 2021 Foundation Students and School Blazers. Parents' Club would like to invite any parents to come along to a meeting and see how we work alongside the teacher's to help benefit our children throughout the year.

On behalf of Parents' Club thank you to everyone for their support.

Kelly Henderson



Boort District School Book Fair.

Thanks to those who again made our book fair a success. We have received these books through commission of sales. Scholastic also gives us a commission of books sold though out the year through Book Club purchases. All these sales quickly added up to acquiring a number of new books for the Library.

Year 5's Interesting Melbourne Fact of the Week

“It is widely rumoured that Flinders Street Station wasn't meant for Melbourne – it was meant for Mumbai but the plans got mixed up. As a result, in Mumbai there is a very ornate gothic Victorian station and in Melbourne we have an East-Indian inspired station.”

BOORT SHOW@BDS WOOL AND CEREAL JUDGING

The Gateways Class will be running a wool and cereal judging competition at school this year. We are asking students from farms or who have family on farms to enter their wool and cereal crops for judging. Collection of crops and wool will take place in the week of November 9th to 13th. **There will be a table set out near the office to place these.** Please label with student / parent name and category for judging. Judging will be completed in the following week with prizes and ribbons awarded.

WOOL

1. Fine Merino fleece
2. Medium Merino fleece
3. Strong Merino fleece
4. Best Lamb wool



CEREALS

1. Sheaf of wheat in head – dry farming
2. Sheaf of wheat in head – irrigated farming
3. Sheaf of oats in head – dry farming
4. Sheaf of oats in head – irrigated farming
5. Sheaf of barley – dry farming
6. Sheaf of barley- irrigated farming
7. Best sheaf of canola

All state variety

Students will work with local farmers and people in the wool industry to develop their judging skills. Winners to be announced in the newsletter!!

SRC Oaks Day

Thursday 5th November saw everyone dressed up in his or her best race wear for Oaks Day. SRC members judged Fashions on the Field during recess and came up with the best dressed for the day! Thank you to everyone who participated.

Years F-4

Ralph Chawla and Lucy Lanyon



Years 5-8

Ryan Brown and Eliza Perryman



Years 9-12

Frances Stanger and Elias Lanyon



TERM 4 GATEWAYS

It has been a busy four weeks since returning from remote learning. Students have been involved in a number of landscaping and gardening tasks around the school and are now looking at wool and cereal crops. We thank Mark and Belinda Perryman for their time at their farm. They were in the middle of lamb shearing and had ex-local wool buyer, Russell Frew on board. Mark and Russell discussed growing wool and the operation of the wool industry. We also ventured out to Tyler and Kate Nelson's farm for a crop inspection. Tyler spoke about the current growing season and gave some tips as to what a good crop should look like. A focus on water use, disease and crop preparation was also provided.

This week we are waiting for students to bring in crop and wool samples for our Boort Show@bds judging. Please bring these in by Friday to the table outside the office.



COMMUNITY NOTICES



NOTICE OF AGM and General Meeting

November 12th 6pm Venue TBA

Positions to be filled: President, Secretary & Treasurer

With all positions available to be filled, please consider taking on a role to ensure the future survival of the club.

If anyone is interested in assisting with lessons or completing a Vic Swim course, please contact Karen Haw or email the swimming club.

Please email boortswimmingclub@gmail.com if attending. A Zoom meeting will be created if more than 10 people.

**For further details: President, Karen Haw
0437 017864**

Boort Tennis News

Social Saturday tennis is here to stay for 2020. With the ongoing success of our social days, we will continue with this until December 19th before we have our Christmas break. The 'official' 2021 Team competition will commence late January.

Anyone from Year 5 upwards are invited to come along and play. No week to week commitment- just if you feel like it! Everyone welcome.

We do encourage names to be sent in to Alister or Kristen each week- before 12pm on the Saturday, so draws can be set up.

There will be Saturday Junior coaching/tournament section commencing for ages F-6 in next few weeks. (More info in next newsletter.)

2021 JUNIOR COACHING POSITIONS

**Boort Football Club are seeking Expressions of Interest for
U13 and U16 Coaching Positions**

**To apply email boortfc@y7mail.com
with your expression of interest by 5.00pm Monday 16th November**

**For more information contact
President Kane Arnold
0438 858 491**



Five Minute YOUTH SURVEY

Loddon Shire Council are asking young people to share their thoughts and opinions about the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on themselves and the community.

They are asking:

What aspects of life in lockdown have you found difficult?

What events and programs would you like to see in the Shire?

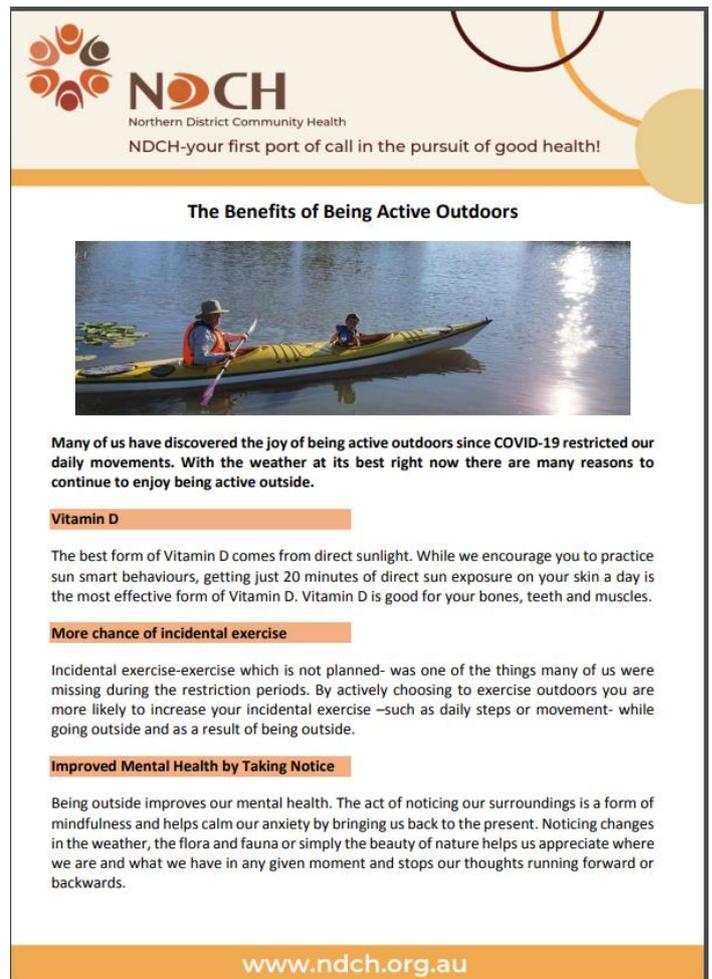
This is your chance to have your say!

Prizes are up for grabs – By completing this survey, you will go into the draw to win a \$50 voucher from the store of your choice – either Google Play, Apple I-tunes, Netflix, Catch, Kogan, E-Bay, Xbox or PlayStation. All responses are anonymous and confidential.

Link to Survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/loddonyouth>



The poster features the Loddon Shire logo at the top, followed by the title 'LODDON YOUTH SURVEY' in large purple letters. Below the title, it says 'We want to hear from you!' in orange. The text continues: 'It's been a tough year huh? This is your chance to have your say on what goes on in the community. Help us help you by completing this survey.' A red banner contains the survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/loddonyouth>. At the bottom, it lists 'Prize vouchers up for grabs include:' with icons for Google Play, Apple, Netflix, Catch, Kogan, eBay, Xbox, and PlayStation.



The poster has the NDCH logo at the top left, with the text 'Northern District Community Health' and 'NDCH-your first port of call in the pursuit of good health!'. The title is 'The Benefits of Being Active Outdoors'. Below the title is a photo of two people kayaking on a lake. The text below the photo reads: 'Many of us have discovered the joy of being active outdoors since COVID-19 restricted our daily movements. With the weather at its best right now there are many reasons to continue to enjoy being active outside.' There are three sections with orange headers: 'Vitamin D' (discussing sun exposure), 'More chance of incidental exercise' (discussing unplanned activity), and 'Improved Mental Health by Taking Notice' (discussing mindfulness).

www.ndch.org.au

Year-12 Reminders



CASPer-TEST – All Teaching/Education Courses and the Bachelor of Nursing @ Victoria University.

www.takecasper.com

Nov 15, 2020 – 1:00 PM AEDT

ATARs and Study Scores – Wednesday 30th December

VTAC Change of Preference Close – Monday 4th January 2021

VTAC Course Offers – Thursday 14th January 2021

www.latrobe.edu.au/events/all/alumni-panel-careers-in-science

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY

MUSIC COURSE INFORMATION WEBINAR

Attend our webinar via Zoom on 4 November from 7.30pm to find out about Victoria University's music programs.

Join music staff members for an information session about VU's music programs at TAFE and undergraduate level. The session will include:

- a general overview of our vocational education (VE) and higher education (HE) music courses
- booking and preparing your audition and interview
- how VU's block model works in the Bachelor of Music
- a virtual tour of our facilities at Kindred Studios, Yarraville
- examples of music made by students and graduates
- a Q&A session

The information session will be held on Zoom.

To register visit:

www.vu.edu.au/about-vu/news-events/events/music-course-information-webinar

UPCOMING ONLINE INFORMATION SESSIONS

HORTICULTURE, AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION LAND MANAGEMENT, LANDSCAPE DESIGN WOOL CLASSING, PRODUCTION HORTICULTURE

Thursday 5th November 5:00pm – 6:30pm

www.eventbrite.com.au/o/bendigo-tafe-information-sessions-3346265028

Accessing VCE Unit 3 & 4 Results and the ATAR

VCE RESULTS & ATAR

Did you know that you need to register to access your VCE Results (Unit 3 & 4 Studies only) and the ATAR (Year 12 students)? Results will be released on Wednesday 30th December from 7:00am. It's a good idea to register for this service early so that you are not delayed on the big day.

Click below to register today:

<https://resultsandatar.vic.edu.au>

AATIS | Australian Apprenticeships & Traineeships Information Service

The Australian Apprenticeships & Traineeships Information Service provides information for people considering career options, employers looking at recruitment and those providing support and advice.

Visit:

www.aapathways.com.au/students

Latrobe University Alumni panel: Careers in science



Thursday 5th November 5:00 – 5:45pm

Where can science take you? Hear about the exciting careers and achievements our alumni have gone on to after studying science at La Trobe. Ever wondered what careers you could pursue with a degree in science? Meet our graduates across science, biological science, pharmacy and biomedical science, hear about the opportunities they've had and find out what they've achieved in their careers.

For further information or to register visit:

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

LATROBE REGIONAL BENEFITS PROGRAM

La Trobe's Regional Benefits Program empowers high-achieving students from regional communities to live, study and thrive in regional Victoria. This new program is available to students commencing their undergraduate studies.

If you come from a regional school and scored an ATAR of 80 or higher, you are guaranteed a place in your chosen course (subject to meeting all course requirements, including course prerequisites) offered at one of La Trobe's Bendigo, Albury-Wodonga, Mildura or Shepparton campuses. Your guaranteed place will include the benefits of the program and a scholarship of up to \$5,000 a year.

In addition, you'll have access to opportunities and a supportive network to help you explore your passion.

The Regional Benefits Program will set you up for

success and help you make the most of your university experience.

www.latrobe.edu.au/study/apply/pathways/regional

Department of Education and Training Year 12 Scholarship Opportunities



Scholarships ranging in value from \$600 to \$30,000 are available to support current Year 12 students intending to continue their studies next year. Applicants are encouraged to apply for as many scholarships that they may be eligible for.

Visit:

<https://www.edinweb.vic.gov.au/scholarships/list.aspx?YearID=13>

Francis Gregory Foundation Scholarship for Year 12 students



FRANCIS GREGORY
- FOUNDATION -

Scholarship details

- Administered by Francis Gregory Foundation Trustees
- Valued at \$6,000 per year (subject to annual review)
- Available for the duration of the student's undergraduate degree
- Two scholarships awarded each year

Who can apply?

- Registered VCE students who are Australian citizens
- VCE students who have achieved an ATAR score greater than 80 in 2020
- VCE students who intend to undertake a full-time degree at any university in Australia in 2021
- Students who are residents of Victoria and live in an FZ zone (as defined by the Victorian Government Department of Planning and Community Development) and whose parents own the property from which the main family income is derived
- Students who can demonstrate financial hardship in relation to pursuing University studies

Further information

The Francis Gregory Foundation was established in 2012 and the first scholarships were awarded in 2013. The scholarship has been established to provide financial support to children of primary producers, to

assist them to undertake University undergraduate studies by reducing financial barriers

For further information visit: www.francisgregory.org.au

UPDATE ON THE NEW 2021 TERTIARY ACCESS PAYMENT FOR RURAL AND REGIONAL STUDENTS

Who is eligible to apply for the Tertiary Access Payment (TAP)?

- The TAP will be available for school-leavers who are:
- from an outer-regional, remote or very-remote area (as per the [A 30 8 remoteness classifications](#))
 - enrolled in a Certificate IV or above qualification, with duration of at least one year
 - relocating to study at an institution at least 90 minutes by public transport from their home (either in another regional location or a metropolitan location)
 - enrolled in at least 75 per cent of a fulltime study load over a 12-month period
 - accessing tertiary study in the year immediately following their completion of Year 12 or equivalent (or the first available semester of their chosen course if the course has a mid-year start)
- This payment will be means-tested. Students will need to be below a parental income threshold of \$250,000 to receive this payment. This income cut-off is significantly higher than the means test applied to other student support payments such as Youth Allowance and ABSTUDY.

How can I apply for the Tertiary Access Payment?

- Students relocating to study at a university will apply through their university (most likely via the VTAC/UAC Scholarship or SEAS application process – To be confirmed). e.g. www.swinburne.edu.au/study/scholarships/62/access-scholarship-for-first-year-undergraduates-who-have-relocated-from-rural-and-regional-areas
- Students relocating to study at a non-university higher education provider or a vocational education and training provider will apply through Services Australia. Further details on how to apply will be released later in 2020.

How do I receive the payment?

- The TAP will be made in two instalments – a \$3,000 payment toward the beginning of the year, to assist with upfront costs, and a \$2,000 payment toward the end of the first year. Exact timing of payments will depend on institutions' census dates.
- This payment will only be available in the student's first year of study – no further payments are made in the second year of study or beyond.

What can the money be used for?

- There are no restrictions on what the TAP money is used for – students can spend the payment as they wish. The TAP can be used to cover costs associated with study including, but not restricted to:
- bond for accommodation
 - assistance with rent and other household bills
 - groceries
 - textbooks and other study supplies

Angela Poxon 

Careers and Pathways – North Central LLEN
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www.facebook.com/north.llenCareersPathways

Traineeship and Job Opportunities

Looking for the next step in your career path? Some of the following websites might be useful to help with your search. Don't hesitate to contact me if you need assistance.

MEGT <https://www.megt.com.au/job-board>

| Job Description | Location | Closing Date |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Trainee Shearer | Bendigo | 6/11 |
| Carpentry Apprenticeship | Woodend, Kyneton, Bendigo | 10/11, 8/11, 6/11 |
| Tyre Fitting Traineeship | Bendigo | 9/11, 21/11, 27/11 |
| Trainee Automotive Part Sales | Bendigo | 20/11 |
| Information Technology Traineeship | Ballan, Maryborough | 28/12, 27/11 |
| Diploma of Childcare | Ballarat | 23/11 |
| Electrical Apprenticeship | Bendigo | 2/11 |
| Bricklaying Apprenticeship | Ballarat | 15/11 |
| Roof Plumbing Apprentice | Malmsbury | 27/11 |
| Apprentice Carpenter | Bendigo | 6/11 |
| Trainee Dental Assistant | Bendigo | 4/12 |
| Wall and Floor Tiling Traineeship | Sebastian | 28/11 |

CVGT <https://www.cvgt.com.au/current-vacancies/>

| Job Description | Location | Closing Date |
|----------------------------------|----------|--------------|
| Apprentice Cabinet Maker | Bendigo | 4/11 |
| Parts Interpreter Apprenticeship | Bendigo | 4/11 |
| Tyre Fitting Traineeship | Bendigo | 4/11 |
| Apprentice Chef | Bendigo | 4/11 |
| Business Traineeship Legal | Bendigo | 4/11 |
| Business Traineeship | Bendigo | 4/11 |
| Business Traineeship Banking | Romsey | 4/11 |
| Apprentice Bricklayer | Bendigo | 4/11 |

Skill Invest <https://www.skillinvest.com.au/apprentices-trainees/>

| Job Description | Location | Closing Date |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Certificate III Agriculture | Ararat, Charlton | 11/11, 9/11 |
| Agricultural Traineeship | Horsham | 4/11 |
| Certificate III Business Traineeship | Horsham | 16/11 |
| Commercial Cookery Apprenticeship | Warracknabeal | 3/11 |
| Civil Construction Apprenticeship | Warracknabeal, Bendigo | 9/11, 9/11 |
| Certificate III Hospitality | Horsham | 5/11 |

NCLLEN contact Mary-Ann Sait 0400 696 156

| Job Description | Location | Closing Date |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Carpentry Apprenticeship at Jurortoun | Bendigo | asap |
| Apprenticeship Sait Butcher | Swan Hill | 50330181 |

SEEK <https://www.seek.com.au/> offers jobs of all types across the nation.