



# Boort District P - 12 School

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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: Showing Tolerance and Respect for others**



### DIARY DATES

#### **March**

1<sup>st</sup> Parents' Club Meeting

1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> Unit 1 Physics Exc.

3<sup>rd</sup> School Photo's

4<sup>th</sup> NCD Triathlon at Boort

5<sup>th</sup> S & G Yr 4 - 6 Swimming Bendigo

**8<sup>th</sup> Labour Day Holiday**

10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Y12 OES Otways Exc.

16<sup>th</sup> F - 6 Hockey Road Show

18<sup>th</sup> LMR Swimming at Swan Hill

**24<sup>th</sup> Parent Teacher interviews**

30<sup>th</sup> Yr 5 & 6 Red Ball Tennis

#### **April**

**1<sup>st</sup> Last Day Term One**

### Principal's Report

#### School Council Elections

Last Wednesday night the timeline for School Council elections was considered and approved. There will be **four** parent and two DET positions that will need to be filled. There is an extra parent position of one year to fill in the recent withdrawal of Madeleine Scott. I urge all families to consider taking on the responsibility of coming on to School Council and having an input into the direction of the school. Official notification of the election and a call for nominations occurred last Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February. Nomination forms will be available from the General Office and were sent via email and Xuno with an information sheet to all families last Friday. Please contact any current school councillors or myself if you would like to ask questions about being on Council. Nominations close on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 4pm.

#### Parent/Teacher Interviews

Forward notice that the Parent/Teacher Interviews for this semester will take place on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March between 1.15pm and 8pm (times may vary slightly). Students will not have classes that day but they will be expected to attend interviews. Interim reports will be issued before this day, as will notices regarding booking of interview times. Interviews can be booked through Xuno.

#### Xuno

As a way to increase knowledge of families in using Xuno, I will run some information sessions on the Parent/Teacher day for anyone interested but I will also place small "How to..." pieces into the newsletter. All new families have been sent an information booklet.

#### Fees and Charges

All family accounts have been sent out and are due for payment now. If you have any queries, please contact the Office and talk to Vikki or Lois.

### **Principal's Availability Next Week**

Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
At School - School Photos				

### **Bushfire notice for BARR schools.**

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan and we constantly check for any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire. If there is to be a school closure parents will be notified the day before. Permission to close the school for a Code Red day needs to come from the Regional Director and will be given to the Principal no later than midday the day before. Bus Routes will also be closed.

#### ***What can parents do?***

- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, by checking our website ([www.boortds.vic.edu.au](http://www.boortds.vic.edu.au)) and by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.
- Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.
- You can access more information about children's services closures on the Department of Education and Training website – see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>

For up-to-date information on this year's fire season, visit the CFA website at [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au) or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667.

Lee-Anne Sherwell  
Principal

### **School Photos**

School Photos will be taken on the morning of Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – will be starting with Year 9, 10, then Foundation and continue. All students are to be in full school uniform on this day. Family photo envelopes are available from the office. Could all families return envelopes to the office prior to photo day.

### **Media Opportunity!!!**

Over the next week, I will be advertising and chasing students who may want to assist with the production and content of the "About Boort" newsletter at BRIC. Certainly, it is a great opportunity for anyone that may be looking at working or training in the media, journalism, writing or community service areas. Students can contact me in person or via email to express their interest.

### **Boort Agricultural Society Representatives**

Over the last few years, we have had a number of students represent the school on this society. Their role has been to provide student input into the Boort Show. These have been highly rewarding roles for many of our students. Students can contact me in person or via email to express their interest.

Tom Bleicher

### **Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund applications**

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amounts this year are \$125 for eligible primary school students and \$225 for eligible secondary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 5455 2201 and ask for an application form.

You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page.

Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.

Vikki Couper  
Office Manager



### North Central District Swimming – St Arnaud

The North Central District Swimming sports were held on Monday. It was a chilly start with overcast conditions and a brisk breeze in St Arnaud, but it eventually warmed up. There were some very good results attained on the day and our students should be very proud of their achievements and competitiveness. The support and camaraderie from the side of the pool was positive to see and hear. It was also great to see parents and grandparents in attendance to support our students. It was a fun day to socialize with friends from the cluster and enjoy some competitive spirit. Thank you to the staff who took on the important officiating roles of starter, event marshal, and marshal sheet runner, judge of stroke and relay change over judge throughout the day.

#### **The overall results for the day were:**

Wyche 1<sup>st</sup>

St Arnaud 2<sup>nd</sup>

Donald 3<sup>rd</sup>

Birchip and Maryborough equal 4<sup>th</sup>

**Boort 6<sup>th</sup>**

### All Schools Swimming Carnival

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February, Carissa Haw, Phoebe Henderson, Eliana Haw and Bella Quinn travelled to compete in Swan Hill at the All Schools Swimming Carnival. There was a large contingency of swimmers on the night from a range of schools and it was a competitive night in the pool.

Bella came 1<sup>st</sup> in backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly and came 2<sup>nd</sup> in freestyle for her age group.

Carissa came 3<sup>rd</sup> in her freestyle event.

Well done to the girls for taking the opportunity to extend their swimming skills and for their parents for encouraging them.



### Canteen News

There have been some changes in pricing for this year. A new menu is up on the school website for your use. Unfortunately, crunchas are still currently unavailable, hopefully back in by the end of February. The price of **Nippy's** has increased to **\$2.50**. Orange and Apple juice are both available now at the cost of \$2.00.

Have a great year

Dawn.

### Great to see a mix of ages enjoying activity over recess



## F-6 Swimming Sports

On Friday, students from Foundation to Year 6 participated in their annual swimming sports. It was a great day and students represented their house with excellent colour and enthusiasm.

The day started with the Year 4-6 Swimming Races with all students involved in swimming 25m or 50m of their chosen strokes. It was great to see so many students giving their best in a variety of strokes.

In the afternoon, all students joined for their activities program including relay events, floating mat races, cork scrambles and biggest splash contests. As always the enthusiasm and house cheering was on display and with some assistance from parents and staff in the water, all students had the opportunity to add vital points to their house tally.



By the end of the day, Maroochy had finished first, followed by Gungaroo then Wakooka. These points will prove valuable in the overall results across the school, which will be announced at our next school assembly

A huge thank you to all staff, parents and guardians who came down and assisted throughout the day. Without their assistance the day would not be possible.

Hayden Rowley & Chris Hatcher

# Community News

Boort Baptist Church

Youth Group 2021 Launch

Water Skiing / Kayaking afternoon

Sunday 28th February

2pm- 5pm

Boort Lake, Year 7 upwards

Further details contact Paul Gill 0427 578210





**NDCH**  
Northern District Community Health  
NDCH-your first port of call in the pursuit of good health!

### Tips for Better Sleep

Good sleep is important to our health and well-being. Sleep helps us grow, learn, concentrate, be happy and helps us to stay fit and healthy.

**✓ YES**

 <p><b>BEDTIME ROUTINE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Have a bath</li><li>• Put PJ's on</li><li>• Brush teeth</li><li>• Go to the toilet</li><li>• Read a book</li><li>• Sleep time</li></ul>	 <p><b>CREATE A POSITIVE SLEEP ENVIRONMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Not too hot or cold</li><li>• Dark</li><li>• Quiet</li><li>• Comfortable</li></ul>	 <p><b>QUIET ACTIVITIES BEFORE BED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reading</li><li>• Yoga</li><li>• Colouring</li><li>• Puzzles</li><li>• Writing</li><li>• Bath/Shower</li></ul>	 <p><b>HEALTHY EATING &amp; PHYSICAL ACTIVITY</b></p> <p>Each day aim for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2 pieces of fruit</li><li>• 5 serves of vegetables</li><li>• 60 minutes of physical activity</li></ul>
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**DON'T FORGET**



**KEEP ELECTRONIC DEVICES OUT OF BEDROOMS:**  
and have at least 1 hour before bed without devices

For more tips and information visit: <https://www.sleepfoundation.org/articles/back-school-sleep-tips-0>

[www.ndch.org.au](http://www.ndch.org.au)



**SUNCORP**  
**net set go**

## NET SET GO

**WE WANT YOU!!!**

Foundation – grade 3/4

**THURSDAY 11TH MARCH**  
**3.45PM**  
**BOORT NETBALL COURTS**

Come along to a fun session with Netfit's Sarah Wall.

**Please register prior to the session**

For more information, please contact NSG Co-Ordinator



# IGNITE A PASSION FOR THE GAME!

**QAMBATOOK FNC**  
 Every Home Games - Boys and Girls Welcome

Junior Football and Auskick is FREE, club will reimburse

Registration 1st April 2021 6.00 START  
 Contact Craig Thomas 0407 279 579

[play.afl/auskick](http://play.afl/auskick)

NAB AFL Auskick is one of the best, first experiences kids aged 5-12 will have learning Australian Football.

In weekly sessions, Auskickers and their families will run, jump, kick, laugh and create their own special moments playing footy.

No matter their skill level, ability or knowledge of the game, Auskick is for everyone!

**Registration is this simple!**

- 1 **WWW.**  
Visit [play.afl](http://play.afl)
- 2 **SELECT**  
Select 'Where to play'
- 3 **ENTER**  
Enter your suburb
- 4 **REGISTER**  
Find your local club and register!

[play.afl/auskick](http://play.afl/auskick)



**QUAMBATOOK FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB**

# SEEKING NEW PLAYERS

Quambatook Football Netball Club

Seeking **new players** for Under 14 age group for 2021.

Boys and Girls Welcome and will get a game.

Family friendly Club

All junior players get **FREE Memberships**.

Each player will also receive **FREE Shorts and Socks**

Come **join** our **great club** as you will be made most welcome

Trainings are on Thursday Nights at 5.30

At Quambatook Football Ground

Training Starts 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

Contact Toby Cameron on 0457 602 761 for further details.