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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: Developing resilience within individuals

RESILIENCE

DIARY DATES

March

17th School Council Meeting

18th LMR Swimming at Swan Hill

24th Parent Teacher interviews

26th Crazy Hair Day

30th Yr 5 & 6 Red Ball Tennis

April

1st Last Day Term One

19th Term 2 begins

Principal's Report

Parent Teacher Interviews

Interim reports for Years 5-12 students as well as booking information for interviews will be sent home today with the oldest member of each family. If your child is on camp, the information will be given to a sibling.

NAPLAN

As we prepare for NAPLAN in May this year, there are online practice tests available for students and families to see. Go to the following website:

<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

Torquay Camp

Our Year 8 students finally went off to camp today after their last scheduled departure was cancelled due to the snap lockdown. We hope they have a fabulous time. Thanks to Mrs Chamberlain for her organisation of this camp.

Last Day of Term 1 and Start of Term 2

The school term finishes at 2.30pm on Thursday 1st April. There will be a whole school assembly on the last day of term commencing at 2.10pm. The 2nd April is Good Friday. Term 2 commences on Monday 19th April.

Lee-Anne Sherwell

Principal

Principal's Availability Over the Next Week

Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
At School				

Listening and Communication Skills – What Do We need To Know?

At the last assembly, I spoke to students about two simple, yet, difficult, concepts – being “kinder” to each other and others, and having the ability to “read the room”.

Being kinder to one another is all about communication, with listening skills at the forefront. We all need to be prepared not to interrupt, to know how to join a discussion or conversation effectively and where and when certain

conversations should take place. Using specific words or phrases such as “excuse me”; “thank you” and “please” often form the cornerstone of effective conversation. We also need to learn to listen actively and think, before we contribute. We will be working with our students, especially our Year 7 and 8 students, on developing these skills in the near future.

“Reading the room” involves looking around you, listening and getting a feel of what is the most appropriate behaviour, based on what others around you are doing or what needs to be done! The setting is quite important to consider – classroom, oval, meeting, library, assembly, PE class, at a table with friends. We want our students to be able to “read the room” and act appropriately in whatever setting they find themselves in.

We ask parents / carers to model and discuss these behaviours with their children, so that together we can move them towards adulthood in the best manner possible. Students do not have the right to interrupt other students, other people or the teacher. If this happens continually, it impacts on the teaching and learning process in all aspects of life.

Tom Bleicher
Assistant Principal

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 2 of Scholastic Book Club is now available. Orders for Issue 2 of Scholastic Book Club need to be completed by Thursday, 18th March. Please note that all orders need to be completed and paid for online. Payment cannot be accepted at Boort District School.

YEAR 4-6 INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

The Primary Interschool Cross Country is being held at the Bendigo Racecourse on the 5th May. Students compete in their age groups and run the same distance that they compete in at our school cross country, 9/10yo = 2km, 11yo & 12yo = 3km. This event will require parental accompaniment to the event and will require two parents to take on marshalling duties at the event. Unfortunately, we will not be able to staff the event at this stage. Entry cost is \$4 per student.

If your child is in Year 4-6 and is interested in competing in the Interschool Cross Country, expressions of interest must be made in writing to Mr. Rowley by the Monday 29th March.



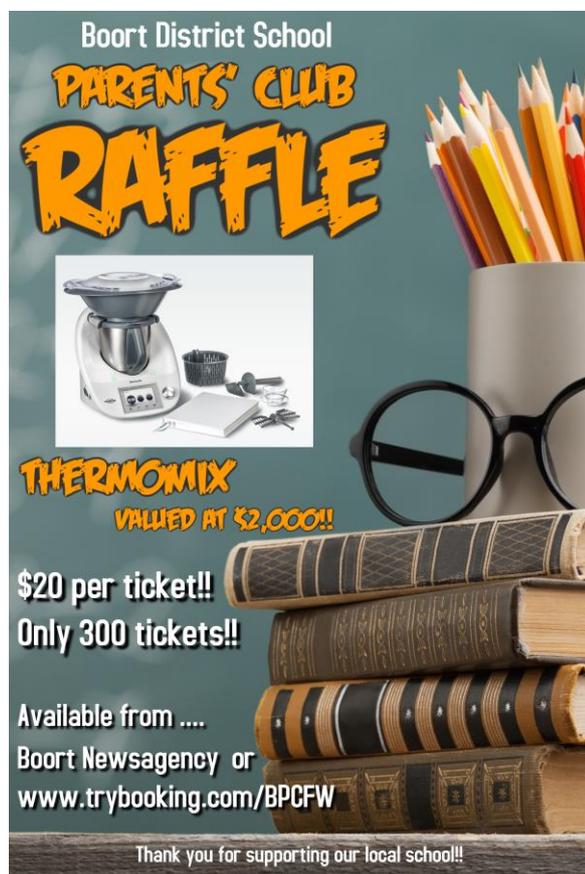
SRC Presents...

CRAZY HAIR DAY

FRIDAY MARCH 26

Gold coin donation will be collected in Home Groups to support the Leukemia Foundation Prizes for the most creative styles from F-12

Optional coloured hair spraying before school for an extra gold coin donation.



Boort District School
PARENTS' CLUB
RAFFLE

THERMOMIX
VALUED AT \$2,000!!

\$20 per ticket!!
Only 300 tickets!!

Available from
Boort Newsagency or
www.trybooking.com/BPCFW

Thank you for supporting our local school!!

School Bus Information

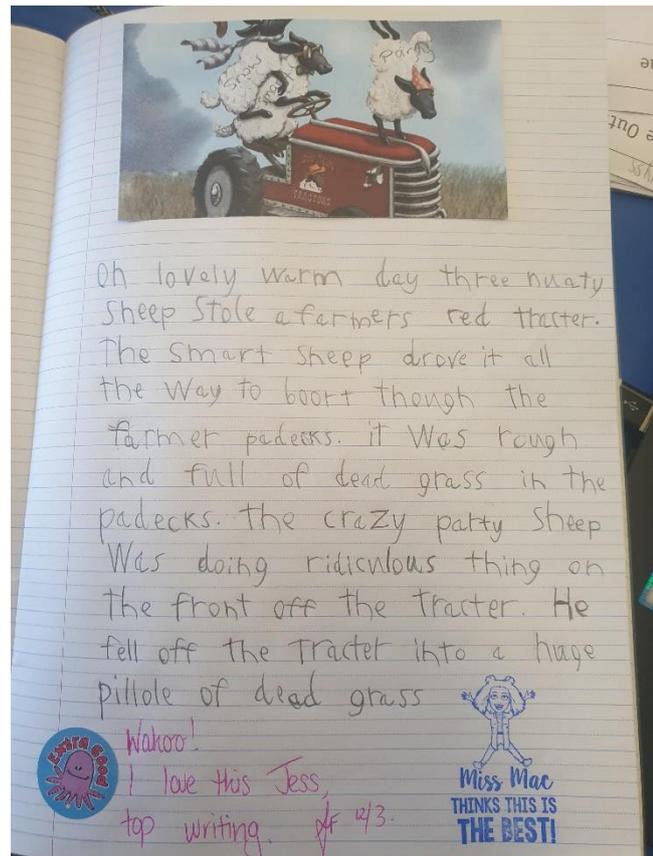
1. The Quambatook morning pick up times have recently been checked by the driver and altered slightly as a result. Each family on this run should have received an adjusted times list from their child/ren.
2. After discussion with the owner operator with a view to reducing the overall time of the run, the Durham Ox bus run will operate in reverse direction for the afternoon run from Week 10 of this term. Each family on this run should have received an adjusted afternoon drop off times note.
3. School Bus Management System. All students who are part of the School Bus Management System (all travellers that use the Pyramid Hill bus to get to the Durham Ox bus) are required to go online and apply for and accept travel offers for each term.
Website: schoolbusapplication.ptv.vic.gov.au
If you have any issues with this system please ring Public Transport Victoria 1800 800 007
4. If you wish your child to use the school buses to go to a friend's house etc please contact and request this from the school Office at least 3 days before travel.

Adrian Grogan Bus Coordinator

AROUND THE ROOMS

This week we are visiting...5/6

Over the past few weeks in writing, we have been focusing on the structure of a narrative. We are using our VCOP strategies to make sure our writing "hooks" the reader into wanting to read more. A thesaurus is now our best friend to help us up level our vocabulary! Check out Jesse Fuller's ASTOUNDING writing!
Just a reminder that Year 6's are selling raffle tickets at lunch time over the next few weeks and booklets have also been taken home. Any "Easterly" donations would be gratefully accepted.

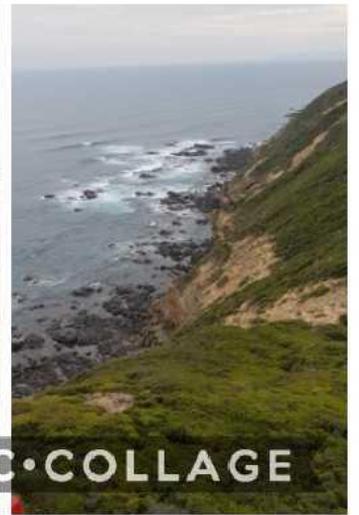


YEAR 12 OES OTWAYS CAMP

Last week students from Unit 3 Outdoor and Environmental Studies attended a camp to Apollo Bay and Cape Otway. Students stayed at Bimbi Park on Cape Otway and engaged in a variety of activities including eBiking around Cape Otway, bushwalking to Parker Inlet, rock climbing, sea kayaking with Australian Fur Seals and zip lining through the treetops at the Otway Fly, as well as undergoing a tour of the Cape Otway Lighthouse.

They had a fantastic time and learnt a lot about the history of the area, as they look to transition this experience back to their assessments.





PIC•COLLAGE

NETFIT with Sarah Wall



Last Friday morning, the Year 4/5's were incredibly lucky to get to take part in a NETFIT session with the fantastic Sarah Wall. Sarah put the kids (and Mr Hatcher) through their paces, with lots of different drills and even some game time on the court. The budding netballers had an amazing time at the session and were extremely grateful to be given such a fabulous opportunity.

Huge thanks to Karen Coutts for her organisation of everything, Izzy Coutts for her help setting up and assistance in running the session, and also Roxy Aldrich for helping run the game play!



2021 House Swimming Sports Results

The overall results of the House Swimming Sports were announced at the last school assembly with; Gungaroo 3rd, Wakooka 2nd and Maroochy 1st from combined scores of both junior and senior school swimming sports. Maroochy Sports Captains – Brianna Stevens, Izzy Coutts, Jake Boyd, Owen Byrne and Cooper Gooding were presented with the winning shield.



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

21.4.21 Hot Potato

28.4.21 Chicken wrap

5.5.21 Hamburger

12.5.21 Hot Dog

19.5.21 Hot Potato

26.5.21 Chicken wrap

2.6.21 Hamburger

9.6.21 Hot Dog

16.6.21 Hot Potato

23.6.21 Chicken wrap

Term 3

14.7.21 Hamburger

21.7.21 Hot Dog

28.7.21 Hot Potato

4.8.21 Athletic sports

11.8.21 Chicken wrap

18.8.21 Hamburger

25.8.21 Hot Dog

1.9.21 Hot Potato

8.9.21 Chicken wrap

15.9.21 Hamburger

Please keep this list on the fridge as a reference.

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
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Wednesday

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

ENJOY



Issue 2

8th March 2021

UCAT

UNIVERSITY CLINICAL
APTITUDE TEST

The University Clinical Aptitude Test is a compulsory test that you may have to sit in order to apply for some degrees in the fields of Medicine or Dentistry. Designed to help universities to select applicants the appropriate abilities and professional behaviours required to practice successfully as a doctors or dentists. It is used in collaboration with other admissions processes such as interviews and academic qualifications.

13 of the [universities](#) in Australia offering Medicine and Dentistry, and 2 in New Zealand, will require you to sit the UCAT ANZ test as part of your application. So, if you're thinking of applying to uni in 2022 for a degree in one of those fields, you should check the entry requirements as soon as possible to find out if taking the UCAT ANZ is necessary.

Bookings open on 1 March 2021 and close on 17 May. You'll sit the tests between 1 July and 11 August 2021. Results will be delivered to the universities in early September. It costs \$305 to sit the test (\$199 concession fee, but you only have until 10 May to register for concession prices). Additional information about dates, fees and how to register can be found at <https://www.ucat.edu.au/ucat-anz/ucat-anz-2021/>

To find out which universities and courses apply, the eligibility criteria, or simply to find out more, head over to the official website: <https://www.ucat.edu.au/>

**TAX FILE NUMBER
(TFN)**

Any student will need a tax file number if he/she starts work (part-time and full-time) and all students planning on a tertiary education require one when they start. Importantly, current Year 12 students are reminded that they will be requested to provide their Tax File Number (TFN) on enrolment to TAFE or university next year, so it is worthwhile getting an application submitted early! Students must now apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office.

To apply and also to find out about participating Post Offices: <https://auspost.com.au/id-and-document-services/apply-for-a-tax-file-number>

La Trobe University! Aspire Early Admissions:

Applications 101 Online

16th March 2021, 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

At La Trobe, we know there's more to being a good student than marks alone. Our Aspire Early Admissions Program rewards your involvement in community, leadership and volunteering with an early conditional offer into your chosen course at La Trobe. In this webinar, we'll tell you exactly what goes into writing a successful Aspire application, and you'll get the opportunity to ask questions.

To find out more visit:

www.latrobe.edu.au/events/all/la-trobe-aspire-early-admissions-applications-101

VICTORIA POLICE JOBS



Victoria Police are the primary law enforcement agency in Victoria. There are different areas that you may be interested in pursuing:

- Police Officer
- Protective Services Officer
- Police Custody Officer
- Victorian Public Servant

To view the different roles, careers and recruitment processes take a look at the videos at:

www.youtube.com/results?search_query=victoria+police+recruitment

AIM | School Holiday Music Intensive



12 April 2021, 10:00 am - 16 April 4:00 pm

AIM Open Youth offers a 5-day school holiday intensive in Melbourne. The 5-Day Intensive is a series of collective and collaborative face-to-face practical classes focused on different aspects of music, taught by AIM's professional staff and guest artists. Over the course of the week, students will come together for large group exercises and masterclasses, as well as streaming into their specialisation classes for music performance, music theatre performance and music production. The week ends with a celebration of the students' music and performance.

Find out more: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/school-holiday-music-intensive-aim-melbourne-tickets-141403035285

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What are VET Pathways?



Did you know that university isn't your only option after leaving school? Vocational and Educational Training is a great way to get you skilled and ready for work, and is often faster than traditional university pathways.

School to VET

Many VET courses have no prerequisites for enrolment, meaning you can start no matter what ATAR you get or which subjects you studied at high school. Some courses you can even study while you're still at school through a VET In school program. You could also get paid while you learn by starting an apprenticeship or traineeship.

VET to Uni

Getting a VET qualification can also be a great pathway to university if you don't meet your dream course's entry requirements straight out of school. Many universities will accept Certificate IV and higher qualifications for entry into most courses. Plus, doing a VET course first can be a great way to get a feel for what studying is like, and you might even want to go straight into work instead.

Career Changers

If you work in the same job for a while but just find it isn't for you anymore, VET is a great way to get re-skilled quickly and into a brand new career. Some courses can be completed in as little as six months, meaning you can jump into your new job sooner. And it doesn't matter how young or old you are – anyone can study a VET qualification.

Want to know more about VET Pathways?
Visit:

www.voced.edu.au/vet-knowledge-bank-getting-know-vet-overviews-vet-pathways or <https://www.myskills.gov.au/>

RAILCAREERS

According to the Rail Career Pathways website, there are two main areas of rail: Passenger Transport and Freight Transport.

Passenger Transport Rail and light rail (trams) in Australia and New Zealand employs approximately 20,000 people with the specific focus on transporting people. Over the last few years there has been an increase in people using trains and trams due to the increases in the cost of petrol and other costs associated with passenger vehicles such as parking and time spent in traffic jams.

Freight Transport involves trains carrying heavy loads and sometimes travelling long distances transporting freight. There is increasing pressure for freight to be moved by rail, rather than on the road, due to road transport congestion and safety and environmental concerns. Freight trains regularly transport iron ore and coal.

The rail industry employs thousands of people across a very broad range of jobs. One often only thinks about train drivers, but there are so many more rail jobs - from accountants to engineers to technicians to timetable officers to graphic designers. The rail industry offers rewarding career opportunities in a variety of disciplines including - Engineering Trades and Construction, Customer Service Business / Corporate / Human Resources, Safety and Environment Graduates / Apprenticeships, Operations.

To find out more visit:
<https://railcareers.net.au>

Monash | Rural Health Virtual Open Day



16th March 2021, 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm

At Monash, we are passionate about training the next generation of doctors and are dedicated to improving health outcomes in rural, regional and remote communities.

Discover your pathways into studying medicine at Monash University. Join us at our virtual Open Day and find out everything you'll need to know about:

- Our courses and your pathways into medicine
- Special entry schemes available for rural and regional students
- How to apply and important dates for your diary
- Opportunities to study in rural and regional Victoria with Monash Rural Health
- Where you will learn, stay and play

You'll also have the opportunity to chat with our friendly staff and students and get all of your questions answered.

Find out more:

www.eventbrite.com.au/e/monash-rural-health-virtual-open-day-tickets-142441950739

Monash | Campus Tours



7th April 2021 – 16th April 2021, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

If you're considering Monash University, join us on a scheduled tour. It's a great way to see and experience each of our campuses. Tour Dates:

- **Clayton Campus**
 - Wednesday 7 April, 10am – 12pm
 - Friday 9 April, 10am – 12pm
 - Monday 12 April, 10am – 12pm
 - Friday 16 April, 10am – 12pm

- **Peninsula Campus - Frankston**
 - Thursday 15 April, 10am – 12pm

Find out more: www.monash.edu/campus-tours



The Tuckwell Scholarship Program at the ANU in Canberra is the most transformational undergraduate scholarship program in Australia. A Tuckwell is not just about a student's intellect. It is also about their desire and determination to use their natural abilities to realise their full potential so that they can make a difference in the world. All up one could say, this is no ordinary scholarship!

Scholarships are awarded based on four criteria:

- academic potential and achievements to date.
- other significant achievements to date, of any type.
- demonstration of the Attributes of a Tuckwell Scholar; and • a desire to eventually give back to Australia.

NOTE: Specific details regarding how to apply for a Tuckwell Scholarship to commence study at ANU in 2022 will be available on this website in early March 2021 - <https://tuckwell.anu.edu.au/>



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Northern District Community Health

Supporting healthy rural communities

HARMONY WEEK

POSTER COMPETITION

What is Harmony Week?

It is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism. Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural background.

How to celebrate?

Enter the Harmony Week Poster Competition. The theme is **Everyone Belongs**.

Who can enter?

Open to Primary and Secondary school students in Gannawarra and Loddon.

How to enter?

Send your entry to Rachel at Rachel.brooks@ndch.org.au or drop it off at your school reception. Include your name, school and age with your poster.

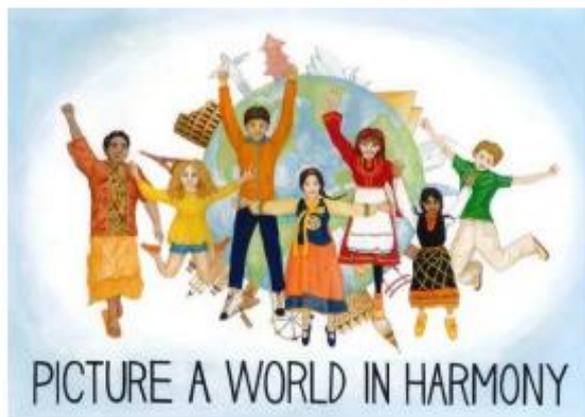
Entries close: Friday 2 April 2021

Prizes include:

- \$50 gift card for Primary (P-6)
- \$50 gift card for Secondary (7-12)
- *Winners will be selected at random*



Example from: Giuliana, Anson St School



Example from: Emily, Hornsby Girls High School



HARMONY WEEK
Everyone Belongs



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Name:
Age:
School: