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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: Thinking Creatively and Independently**

# CREATIVITY

### DIARY DATES

#### **April**

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

**19<sup>th</sup> Term 2 begins**

21<sup>st</sup> School Cross Country

#### **MAY**

7<sup>th</sup> Working Bee

11<sup>th</sup> NAPLAN begins

19<sup>th</sup> H3.3 Bendigo Excursion

29<sup>th</sup> Yr 3-6 Winter Sports

### Principal's Report

#### Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thanks to everyone who came along to the interviews last week. All teachers enjoyed talking to you and discussing the progress of all students. To those who booked webex interviews, I hope they went off well. If anyone has any feedback they would like to give regarding face-to-face or webex interviews for future sessions, please let me know.

#### Last Day of Term and Assembly

The last day of term in Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April. We will hold a whole school assembly at 2.10pm. With the Year 6 students drawing their Easter Raffle, we believe it would be a great opportunity for parents to engage with the school

during this assembly. We cordially invite you to attend. There will be a sign in-book in the foyer of the Stadium.

Term 2 starts on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

#### Did you Know...?

Over the last five terms (Jan 2020 to end of March 2021) the staff have sent out 5,122 messages to families via Xuno. This includes emails, SMS and internal messages. In Term 1 2020, 488 messages were sent. In Term 1 2021, 696 messages were sent.

This does not include the number of feedback items that are given to each student - each student will receive a minimum of two feedback items per term for each subject they are studying. This is a big difference from when families only received a report at the end of each semester.

## Have a happy and safe Easter

### How to read and send messages to teachers on Xuno

1. Click on the School menu and then click on the Messages item. If you're using a mobile device, you'll need to tap on the menu icon in the top right first, before you can tap on the School menu.
2. Your most recent conversation will load by default. All of your previous conversations are listed in the left pane and you can click on a name to view its contents or to continue the conversation. Your most recent conversations are shown at the top. If you're using a mobile device you can tap the down arrow in the top header bar, to view your list of previous conversations.
3. To start a new conversation, click on the plus icon in the left pane above your previous conversations, then choose a name from the list. On a mobile device you'll need to tap the down arrow in the top navigation bar, then

click on the plus icon. Parents are able to send messages to all teachers and coordinators of their children, whereas students are only able to send messages to their current teachers and coordinators.

4. Type your message into the field at the bottom labelled New message.

5. You can also attach files by either dragging or dropping the file into the New message text area, or clicking the Attach button and selecting your file.

6. When you are ready to send the new message click on the Send button. Once a message has been sent you will not be able to stop it or delete a previously sent message.

### Unsafe situations at Bus Time.

The school has been notified by several bus drivers over the past few weeks of continuing unsafe behaviours by a number of children and families in the bus zone in the mornings and afternoons.

There have been repeated occurrences of children and parent/guardians walking across the road through the buses while the bus drivers are getting ready to pull out onto the road or when they have been coming into drop off students.

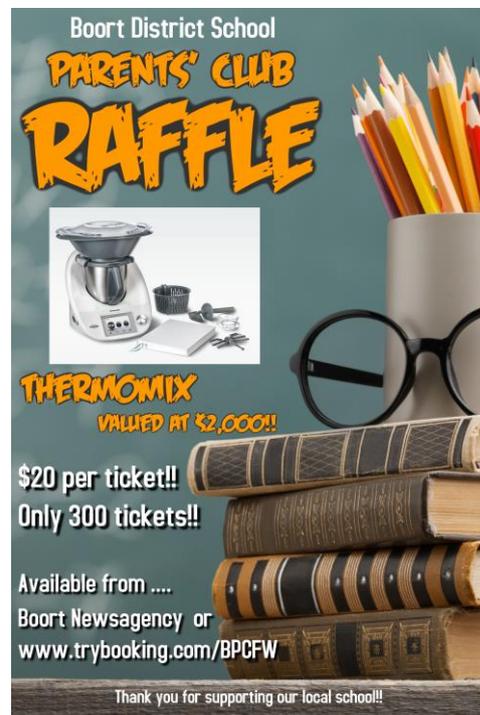
The other unsafe situation is when families drive into the bus zone while buses are incoming or outgoing, dropping off/picking up students and then leaving the bus zone amidst the bus traffic.

Apart from the usual times for the morning and afternoon bus runs, there are often school excursions that occur at different times in the morning and afternoon with buses coming into the zone. There are also connecting services to Charlton and from Pyramid Hill that occur regularly on different days of the week.

We are asking yet again if families can please assist by not creating these unsafe situations. The majority of our families do the safe thing by dropping off/picking up their children away from the bus zone and encouraging or modelling the safe use of the school crossing.

Adrian Grogan

Bus Coordinator



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### Back To Working Bees 2021

Our first working bee for a year will be held after school on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May, next term. There will be specific areas to landscape, cleaning of the buildings and surrounds, and some planting of groundcovers. We invite rostered families and students to come in, work together and have some fun as we make the school a better place to be. More information to come – drinks and afternoon tea supplied!

Tom Bleicher

Adams, Mr D & Mrs K

Allison, Mr D & Mrs K

Arnold, Mr K & Mrs B

Baker, Mr A & Mrs K

Barraclough, Mr P & Mrs N

Bear, Mr G & Mrs J

Beattie Mr C & Mrs L

Boyd, Mr G & Mrs T

Broad, Ms C

Byrne, Mr T & Thompson, Mrs M

Caine, Mr G & Mrs F

Chamberlain, Mr C & Mrs B

Chawla, Mr S & Mrs S

Cockerell, Mr R & Mrs F

Crilly, Mr D & Mrs M

Challis, Ms J

Doyle, Ms D

Eldershaw, Mr N and Mrs C

Featherby, Mr S and Mrs S

Fuller, Mr R and Mrs N

Gooding, Mr N and Mrs K

Train, Mr M & Aldrich Mrs R

Holland, Mr N and Mrs J

Zanker, Mr G & Mrs G

Hosking, Mr B & Mrs J

Lanyon Mr J & Mrs F

Hird, Mr C & Mrs K

Henderson, Mr B & Mrs K

### SRC's Crazy Hair Day.

Last Friday saw our annual Crazy Hair Day, which SRC hosted. The day saw many students come to school with lots of crazy hair styles and loads of crazy colours. The SRC raised a total of \$200.50 for the Leukaemia Foundation, where the money goes to helping families struggling with the condition.

We also had six winners on the day for crazy hair. From the Foundation to Year 4 section, we had Xavier Junor and Victoria Lanyon. From Year 5 to Year 8 we had Darby Perryman and Desiree Leerson, and finally Acacia Vernon and Frasier Holland took out the prize for Year 9 to Year 12.

Thanks to all the students and teachers for helping, make our fundraiser a success.



### Work Placements at Boort District Health

We currently have three students completing work placements at Boort District Health. Braedon Niven is completing the first year of his Community Services VET course while Lizzie Newell is in her second year. Both of these students are working with the aged care residents and enjoying being part of the hospital staff. Connor Leersen is working in the maintenance area, after completing a Building and Construction VET course, and now starting an Engineering VET course. We have developed an excellent relationship with Boort District Health through liaison with Donna Doyle and the staff at BDH. We thank them for their care and expertise in helping our students.



## YEAR 4-6 INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

The Primary Interschool Cross Country is being held at the Bendigo Racecourse on the 5<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> March.

## Community News



**2021**  
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### North Central - 2021 Fixture

<p><b>RD 1 - APRIL 10</b> Charlton v Wythe-NFC Birchip-Watchem v St Arnaud Donald v W'burn Redbacks Boort v Sea Lake NT</p>	<p><b>RD 7 - MAY 29</b> Charlton v Birchip-Watchem St Arnaud v Donald W'burn Redbacks v Boort Wythe-NFC v Sea Lake NT</p>	<p><b>RD 12 - JULY 17</b> Boort v Charlton Donald v Birchip-Watchem Wythe-NFC v W'burn Redbacks Sea Lake NT v St Arnaud</p>
<p><b>RD 2 - APRIL 17</b> Sea Lake NT v Charlton Boort v Birchip-Watchem Wythe-NFC v Donald W'burn Redbacks v St Arnaud</p>	<p><b>RD 8 - JUNE 5</b> Wythe-NFC v Charlton St Arnaud v Birchip-Watchem W'burn Redbacks v Donald Sea Lake NT v Boort</p>	<p><b>RD 13 - JULY 24</b> Charlton v Donald Wythe-NFC v Birchip-Watchem St Arnaud v Boort W'burn Redbacks v Sea Lake NT</p>
<p><b>RD 3 - APRIL 24</b> Charlton v W'burn Redbacks Birchip-Watchem v Sea Lake NT Donald v Boort St Arnaud v Wythe-NFC</p>	<p><b>JUNE 12</b> General BYE Queens Birthday Long Weekend</p>	<p><b>RD 14 - JULY 31</b> Birchip-Watchem v Charlton Donald v St Arnaud Boort v W'burn Redbacks Sea Lake NT v Wythe-NFC</p>
<p><b>RD 4 - MAY 1</b> St Arnaud v Charlton W'burn Redbacks v Birchip-Watchem Sea Lake NT v Donald Wythe-NFC v Boort</p>	<p><b>RD 9 - JUNE 19</b> Charlton v St Arnaud Birchip-Watchem v W'burn Redbacks Donald v Sea Lake NT Boort v Wythe-NFC</p>	<p><b>RD 15 - AUGUST 7</b> Charlton v Wythe-NFC Birchip-Watchem v St Arnaud Donald v W'burn Redbacks Boort v Sea Lake NT</p>
<p><b>RD 5 - MAY 8</b> Charlton v Boort Birchip-Watchem v Donald W'burn Redbacks v Wythe-NFC St Arnaud v Sea Lake NT</p>	<p><b>RD 10 - JUNE 26</b> W'burn Redbacks v Charlton Sea Lake NT v Birchip-Watchem Boort v Donald Wythe-NFC v St Arnaud</p>	<p><b>RD 16 - AUGUST 14</b> St Arnaud v Charlton W'burn Redbacks v Birchip-Watchem Sea Lake NT v Donald Wythe-NFC v Boort</p>
<p><b>MAY 15</b> Inter-league OR General BYE</p>	<p><b>JULY 3</b> General BYE School Holiday Break</p>	<p><b>FIRST SEMI FINAL</b> August 21 <b>SECOND SEMI FINAL</b> August 28 <b>PRELIMINARY FINAL</b> September 4 <b>GRAND FINAL</b> September 11</p>
<p><b>RD 6 - MAY 22</b> Donald v Charlton Birchip-Watchem v Wythe-NFC Boort v St Arnaud Sea Lake NT v W'burn Redbacks</p>	<p><b>RD 11 - JULY 10</b> Charlton v Sea Lake NT Birchip-Watchem v Boort Donald v Wythe-NFC St Arnaud v W'burn Redbacks</p>	<p><b>FEENY MEDAL</b> August 25 @ Charlton</p>



Tuesday, 30 March 2021

### Disability Group Celebrates Achievements

After a year of covid-enforced social isolation, the Gannawarra Disability Reference Group has started meeting again. Almost two years after being formed across the Gannawarra Shire through partnership between Northern District Community Health (NDCH), Cohuna District Hospital, Gannawarra Shire Council and Kerang District Health, the group has celebrated its successes so far.

The group was set up to advise service providers, community members and community leaders on improving services and community life for people in Gannawarra with disabilities.

Already, over twenty people with disability and their carers are involved in meetings in Kerang and Cohuna with new members always encouraged to join.

"The Gannawarra Disability Reference Group thrives on community involvement," NDCH CEO Mandy Hutchinson said. "Nobody knows more about living with disability than people actually living with disability. Health and community services cannot ensure safe, quality services for everybody every time without listening to what it's like for people with disability."

Ms. Hutchinson said the role of the reference group was equally about making change in the community. The reference group has provided feedback to NDCH on promotional and information materials, intake forms, car and scooter parking, NDIS systems, and entry/reception and waiting areas. "This isn't about services ticking boxes or accreditation," Ms. Hutchinson said. "This is about making sure we make information, services and buildings as accessible as possible to people living with disability."

The Cohuna meetings of the Gannawarra Disability Reference Group have helped Cohuna District Hospital with feedback on their parking spaces, scooter parking and their new Disability Action Plan. The voices of people attending meetings feed into the Gannawarra Working Group, made up of NDIS providers throughout the Shire. Through those meetings, services have been able to advocate community concerns to the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA), which runs the NDIS.

NDCH have proposed many solutions on behalf of the reference group to other organisations, including an all-inclusive, fenced park in Kerang, group activities and disability parking. The Gannawarra Disability Reference Group shares information with people who attend the meetings. This has included information from organisations such as WDEA Works regarding Schools Leavers Employment Supports; Anglicare regarding respite opportunities; and the Rights Information and Advocacy Centre (RIAC) regarding rights, information & advocacy.

"While we're only just getting started, we're so excited by what we've already been able to achieve through this group," Ms. Hutchinson said. "We are proud of the people who take time out of their busy days to take part. Even with a year of not being able to meet, there's so much great work already done."

"I appreciate the opportunity to discuss issues in a positive environment and work through possible solutions," Gannawarra Disability Reference Group member Sheryl Russell said. "Discussing different approaches will keep the wider community interested and more aware

of some of the issues faced by the disabled." Mrs Russell said many of the community solutions from the reference group would benefit parents with prams who also have to deal with some of the access issues faced every day by people living with disability.

The Gannawarra Disability Reference Group's goals are to:

- a) Provide a platform and voice for people with disabilities and carers
- b) Advocate for the wellbeing of people with disabilities and carers
- c) Listen to and understand the needs and expectations of people with disabilities
- d) Find or propose solutions to local issues
- e) Monitor progress with local Disability Action Plans
- f) Share information and support group members

Anyone wishing to be involved in the reference group are invited to contact NDCH Health Promotion Worker Kelsey Poole on 5451 0200 or [kelsey.poole@ndch.org.au](mailto:kelsey.poole@ndch.org.au).

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Media Enquiries

Kelsey Poole, NDCH Health Promotion Worker - (03) 5451 0200.

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**Tips for looking after your families teeth:**

1. **Brush every morning and night:** Use fluoride toothpaste. Brush every tooth gently in circles for two minutes. Spit and do not rinse with water at the end.
2. **Drink well:** Drink mainly tap water. Soft drink and juice have added sugar that are not good for your teeth.
3. **Eat well:** Enjoy a wide variety of nutritious foods from all five food groups. Limit foods with added sugar. Healthy meals and snacks are important for healthy teeth.
4. **Visit the dentist every year:** Visit the dentist at least once every year. They will check to make sure your teeth are growing properly and are clean.
5. **Change your toothbrush often:** Get a new toothbrush every three months.

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