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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



DIARY DATES

February

25th F - Yr 6 Swimming Sports

28th - 30th Yr 8 Surf Camp.

March

7th Interschool Swimming Sports

9th School Photos

10th Triathlon

14th Labour Day Holiday

29th Parent /Teacher interviews.

May 9th Parents' Club Meeting.

Principal's Report

School council Elections

At the meeting of School, Council last week, the timeline for the election process was discussed. Please see below for the timeline of events. All families were sent an email with the school council election nominations forms and some information about school council.

I would like to thank our outgoing members for their time and service and also remind them that they are able to re-nominate.

Those members whose terms finish are:

Carl Chamberlain and Doug Perryman - Parent

Merryn Rees and Dawn Anderson - Staff

The timeline is attached. We will have four parent positions and three staff positions - 3 x two year positions for parents, 1 x 1 year position for parents, 2 x 2 year positions for staff and 1 x 1 year position for staff - based on current School council membership.

A nomination form is attached and we welcome all parents and carers to consider taking on this job. If you wish to nominate for the one year position, please make that clear on the nomination form.

Swimming Sports

The 7-12 Swimming sports were held last Friday and it was a beautiful day with a lot of very enthusiastic students participating and barracking for their teams.

We had many wonderful spectators who enjoyed this event.

The F-6 Swimming Sports will be held this Friday. The Interschool Years 7-12 swimming sports will be held in St Arnaud on Monday 7th March. Thanks to Hayden Rowley and Chris Hatcher for organising participation in these events and to Adrian Grogan and Brooke Chamberlain for helping with the organisation.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Forward notice - P/T Interviews will be held on Tuesday 29th March. No classes will run on this day but students are expected to attend interviews. More information will be provided closer to the date regarding making bookings through Xuno. We are going ahead with organising face-to-face interviews and we hope to see many parents/carers and students on the day.

Principal's Availability Next Week

Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
At School				

Timeline for School Council Elections – 2022

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION PROCESS AND TIMELINE	
Event	Date
1. Notice of election and call for nominations	Friday 18 th Feb 2022
2. Closing date for nominations	Tuesday 1 st March, 2022
3. Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted	Wednesday 2 nd March, 2022
4. Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed	Wednesday 2 nd March, 2022
5. Close of ballot	4pm, Friday 11 th March, 2022
6. Vote Count	5pm, Friday 11 th March, 2020
7. Declaration of poll	Friday 11 th March, 2022
8. Special Council Meeting to co-opt Community Members (Principal presides)	Wednesday 16 th March, 2022
9. First Council meeting to elect office bearers (Principal presides)	Wednesday 16 th March, 2022

School Council election process must be completed by 28th March 2022.

Schedule 7 announcing school council membership must be completed by 31st March 2022.

Fresh Fruit delivery – THANK YOU to the Eicher’s
A special thank you to Marlies and Peter Eicher who kindly dropped off a crate full of juicy nashis last week. Students and staff have enjoyed eating them at recess and lunch and there have been many comments about how sweet and watery they are.



CAMPS, SPORT & EXCURSION FUND (CSEF)

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the cost of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursion or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

Please contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download a form at

www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied last year, there is no need to complete an application unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. Check with Vikki in the school office if you are unsure.

F- 6 Reminders...

It's been a great start to 2022 at BDS! 😊

We would really appreciate it if every child could bring a box of tissues and a packet of antibacterial wipes to school, for their room. Thanks to those who have already done so 😊
Don't forget to use your RAT tests regularly.

Smart Spelling Homework has begun across the school (apart from Foundation). Please monitor that activities have been completed and returned to school.

All children should be reading regularly at home.... It is vitally important at this age.

Please use the Home Reading Log book to keep a record and have readers at school each day.

F-4 students should have their iPad device charged and at school. If you wish iPads to go home daily/weekend/holidays, please contact your child's teacher through Xuno or send a note along with your child. Otherwise, devices will be left at school in the charging docks.

Year 5 and 6 students need to have their laptop charged and their BDS School Diary at school every day please.

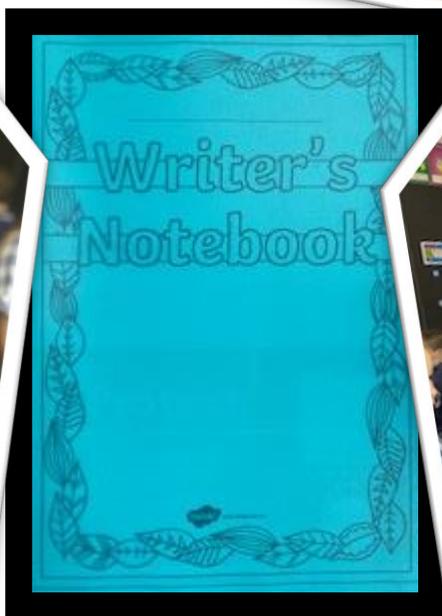
School Photos

School Photos will this year be taken on Wednesday 9th March, in the stadium. We will start with Foundation students at 9.10am and then move up through the year levels. All students are to be in full school uniform on this day.

Photo order envelopes from Academy Photography were handed out this morning to all students to take home. All envelopes are to be returned to the school office, if photos are ordered or not. We would appreciate this happening prior to the photo day. Family photo envelopes can be picked up from the office. All contact regarding payment is through Academy Photography 1800 816 224.

Tom Bleicher

Year 1, 2 & 3 Writers Notebook



VCE Unit 1 Physical Education

Over the past few weeks, the Unit 1 PE students have investigated the Skeletal System. As part of their studies they dissected a long bone and identified the epiphyses (the end of the long bones) which are cancellous bone, the diaphysis (the shaft of the long bone), which is surrounded by compact bone. They were able to scoop out the yellow marrow and identify the growth plate and red bone marrow.

In practical classes, students have undertaken swimming, tennis, lawn bowls to address anatomical movements, which bones, and joints create the movements.



Year 8/9 Home Economics

Over the past few weeks in Home Economics, students have investigated the historical timeline of Australian foods, beginning with Indigenous ‘native bush foods’ to the cultural influences on Australian foods due to immigration. Students have produced lamingtons and pavlovas to learn about iconic Australian foods and the preparation and cooking techniques involved.



COMMUNITY NEWS

B O O R T F O O T B A L L C L U B



JUNIOR REGISTRATIONS



NOW OPEN

To register players must be born between 2005 - 2011

PLEASE NOTE: Age groups for the 2022 season have been changed to under 14's & under 17's

Any questions or concerns contact Brooke 0400 791 959 or Mad Scott 0425 791 869

Are you looking for work?

The Job Victoria Advocates are partnering with Services Australia to provide you with information and support. Whether you are looking for work, to study or upskill, the Job Victoria Advocates can help!

TUESDAY 8TH MARCH
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Boort

Opposite the Information Centre, Godfrey Street

How we can help you

- Refer you to a local Jobs Victoria Partner who can help you update your resume, prepare for job interviews, and connect you with local employers
- Connect you to local skills and training opportunities
- Help you apply for jobs in your local area
- Offer support if you are looking to change jobs



Pictured: Antoinette Sampson & Maria Sgarloto - City of Greater Bendigo Jobs Victoria Advocates

Contact us for more information

jvapeBendigo.vic.gov.au



BOORT DANCE GROUP

Dance classes commence
TUESDAY 15th March.
Girls & boys from 3 years of age are invited to join.
All genres offered.
All abilities welcome.

Please contact
Karen Coutts
on 0419445060 or email
couttsbij@bigpond.com
for more information and registration form.

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INFORMATION FOR CUSTOMERS

Australian Government Mobile Service Centre



Serving Regional Australia

Visit the Mobile Service Centre to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families will also be available.

Staff can provide you with information and support. They can also help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Tuesday, 8 March 2022

10 am to 4 pm

Opposite the Information Centre, Godfrey Street

BOORT

For more information, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice



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INFORMATION FOR CUSTOMERS

Australian Government Mobile Service Centres



If you live in a rural area, you may need to travel greater distances to access government payments and services. To make it easier for you to access these services, we're bringing them to you and your community.

Mobile Service Centres travel extensively throughout rural and regional Australia and also to disaster affected areas to provide help and support.

Staff from Services Australia travel with the Mobile Service Centres and can help you with Centrelink and Medicare payments and services. Our Mobile Service Centres also have disabled access.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families will also be available.

Wi-Fi is available for visitors to the Mobile Service Centre and staff will be able to help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Our staff will provide you with friendly face-to-face service, information and support. From time to time, representatives from other government agencies also travel with the Mobile Service Centres.

Information and help you can access on board the Mobile Service Centres

We provide information, help and support to rural and regional communities, including:

- families
- older Australians
- students
- job seekers
- people with disability
- carers
- farmers
- self-employed people.

We can assist you with:

- registering and using the agency's online services
- new claims for Centrelink payments
- updating and confirming Centrelink and Medicare information
- information on how financial matters may impact on payments
- assistance with payment and service options
- rural payment entitlements for eligible farmers
- non-cash Medicare transactions
- enrolling for and issuing new Medicare cards
- updating and re-issuing Medicare cards
- social work support and referrals.

More information

To view the latest itineraries for the Australian Government Mobile Service Centres, visit servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice

The stopping locations for Mobile Service Centres are promoted in each town and on social media before each visit.



servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

SCHEDULE 5A: SELF-NOMINATION FORM FOR PARENT MEMBER CATEGORY

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent member on the

..... school council.

Name :

Residential address:

Contact phone (mobile or landline):

Email:

I am the parent/guardian of who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Training but not engaged in work at and for the school

Yes / No (please circle)

I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not:

- an undischarged bankrupt
- of unsound mind
- currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence; or
- a registrable offender within the meaning of the *Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004*.

Signature of Candidate Date / /

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable).

Further, the name, membership category, gender, term of office, office held (if any) of school council members and notification whether the member is an employee of the Department will be forwarded to the Department of Education and Training by the principal by 30 April each year as a record of council membership and may be used for statistical purposes.

You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on

If you choose not to give some or all of the information requested your nomination may not be accepted. If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the principal.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

SCHEDULE 5B: NOMINATION FORM

FOR PARENT MEMBER CATEGORY

I wish to nominate for an elected position as a parent member on the
..... school council.

CANDIDATE'S DETAILS

Name

Residential address

Contact phone (mobile or landline)

Email

I am the parent/guardian of who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

The person I have nominated is the parent/guardian of who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

The person I have nominated is an employee of the Department of Education and Training but not engaged in work at and for the school.

Yes / No (please circle)

Name of Nominator

Signature of Nominator Date / /

CANDIDATE TO COMPLETE:

I accept the nomination and I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not:

- an undischarged bankrupt
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CAREER RESEARCH

NOT SURE WHAT YOU WANT TO DO WHEN YOU FINISH SCHOOL?



RESEARCH, RESEARCH, RESEARCH! There are so many resources around for you to research and explore a wide range of different courses and careers. It's important for you to utilise the resources available in order to make the right decisions for YOU!

Remember it is your life so it's important that you do the investigating and access the resources available to you – including meeting with your Careers/Pathways Co-ordinator!

Also remember you don't have to plan out your whole life, it's all about finding that one great place to start!

Some great ways to research are:

- **My Future** www.myfuture.edu.au – Career bullseyes
- **Good Careers Guide** www.goodcareersguide.com.au
- **Webinars**
- **Open Days or Experience Days**
- **Work experience**
- **Talk to people** who already work in an industry you are interested in e.g., Health care, Trades, Education.

HOW DO I APPLY?

HOW & WHEN DO I APPLY FOR UNIVERSITY/TAFE COURSES?



University Courses - For all University courses in Victoria, Year 12 students must apply through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC). You are able to list up to 8 different courses in your preference list. The no. 1 course should be your preferred course right down to no. 8 - which is a course you are still happy to study (you don't have to list 8 preferences, but it's a good idea to have a few back up options). Even if you plan to have a gap year in 2023 you will still need to apply for courses this year. Applications for 2023 courses open in August 2022. www.vtac.edu.au

TAFE Courses - For most TAFE courses you will need to apply directly via individual TAFE websites, however some TAFE courses require you to apply through the VTAC system. Visit individual TAFE websites for further information.

Private Institutes - Similar to TAFE institutes you are required to apply for some Private institutes via the VTAC system, whereas others require you to apply directly – see institute websites for further information. Please keep in mind that Private institute fees are usually a lot higher than TAFE and University Fees.

Studying Interstate - Each state has their own version of a VTAC system e.g., NSW/Canberra – UAC, South Australia – SATAC, Queensland – QTAC, and West Australia – TISC. If you are considering studying Interstate you will need to apply through the appropriate Admissions Centre.

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APPRENTICESHIPS & TRAINEESHIPS



Apprenticeships/traineeships can be found in a number of different ways. The main ways are through: - someone you know; via an advertisement on-line (Seek, Jora, Australian Job Search etc); via the local papers; or via an employment agency. Utilise the following websites to view their current advertised vacancies: MEGT, Skillinvest, and CVGT.

www.megt.com.au/job-board
www.skillinvest.com.au/jobs/
www.cvgt.com.au/
www.jobsearch.gov.au

For further information visit:
www.aapathways.com.au

STUDY SKILLS



The Regional Education Support Network (RESN) is a free, entirely online service started by a group of top VCE graduates who were passionate about ensuring that all Australians, regardless of where they live, can have access to high quality academic support during their VCE and HSC.

"Our team of over 90 experienced volunteer tutors are ready to answer any questions that have you stumped or proofread and offer advice on essays you are about to submit. We believe that RESN can help students in regional and rural areas get the support they need to fulfil their potential."

For further information or to register visit:
www.resntutoring.com.au/

ADMISSION TESTS

UCAT ANZ for Medicine & Dentistry in 2023



The University Clinical Aptitude Test is a compulsory test to apply for some degrees in the fields of Medicine or Dentistry. It is designed to help universities select applicants with 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 will require you to sit the test. It costs \$305 (\$199 concession fee, but you only have until 10 May to register for concession prices). Registrations for concessions are open now. Test Bookings open on 1 March 2021 and close on 17 May. You'll sit the tests between 1 July and 12 August 2022.

www.ucat.edu.au/about-ucat/ucat-anz-test-cycle/

SCHOLARSHIPS

University of Melbourne Hansen Scholarship Program



Value: Up to \$108,000 AUD
Open February 7, Close March 9, 2022

The Hansen Scholarship will be awarded to talented undergraduate students whose financial circumstances present a challenge to accessing a first-class education. Recipients will be awarded accommodation, an allowance, and financial and personal support.

To find out more visit:
<https://scholarships.unimelb.edu.au/awards/hansen-scholarship>

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GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITIES

THE ADF GAP YEAR



Get an exciting 12-month taste of life in the Navy, Army or Air Force, and enjoy full job training, meaningful work, and memorable experiences – plus much more after completing Year 12.

For further information visit:

www.defencejobs.gov.au/students-and-education/gap-year?page=1&perPage=21&query=

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Victoria Police | Police Specialist Webinar



Wednesday 23 February 2022 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Seeking an opportunity to specialise and develop a skill set in a specific field of expertise? Please join us to learn about the role of a detective.

We will discuss the recruitment process, the different fields and speak to a current detective. In addition to specialist areas, police officers also have the option to seek promotion through the ranks.

Find out more:

www.police.vic.gov.au/police-information-sessions

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OPEN DAYS



2022 Open Day, Melbourne

Saturday 19 March 2022, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Open Day is your chance to join us on campus and get a taste for what it's like to study at the Australian Institute of Fitness. Learn about our range of industry-leading courses, along with your career options in the fitness and massage industry, as you chat to our Careers team and staff. You will also have the opportunity to tour our state-of-the-art training facilities.

Find out more:

<https://enquire.fitness.edu.au/open-day>

AVIATION AUSTRALIA Digital Campus Open Day



Monday 28 February 2022, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Join us for a live Digital Campus Open Day at the Aviation Australia headquarters in Brisbane.

Get ready to take off with:

- A live tour of our world-class facilities including the rotary hangar and the technical training centre
- Live conversations with instructors including the EASA practical maintenance training
- Discover how our EASA approved Diploma of Aircraft Maintenance Engineering can take you anywhere in the world
- Hear from CQUniversity about the newly created pathway program, Bachelor of Engineering Technology – Aircraft Maintenance

Find out more:

www.eventbrite.com.au/e/aviation-australia-digital-campus-open-day-tickets-266526747677

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