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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



DIARY DATES

May

- 4th Mother's Day Stall
- 4th House Cross Country Run
- 9th Parents' Club Meeting.**
- 10th NAPLAN starts**
- 11th Finance Meeting
- 12th & 13th Unit 3 Geography Camp
- 17th & 18th Outdoor Ed Unit 1/3 You Yangs
- 18th School Council
- 19th Professional Practice Day (Student Free)
- 23rd & 24th Unit 1 Geography Camp
- 26th Career Expo Yr 11 & 12
- 27th Yr 3-6 Winter Sports @ Boort Park

June

- 17th Correction Day.

Principal's Report

Report Writing Day/Correction Day and Professional Practice Day

Don't forget that we have two days this term when students don't come to school as teachers will be engaged with correction or planning.

Those days are:

Thursday 19th May (VET students go to TAFE but others have no classes)

Friday 17th June

NAPLAN – next week

The 2022 NAPLAN tests will be conducted during Week 4 (Tuesday 10th – Friday 13th May). All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 have been given a parent information leaflet that explains NAPLAN. If you have any concerns or queries, please call the school or go online to www.nap.edu.au. This

year, NAPLAN will be done online. Students in Years 7 and 9 are requested to bring their own headphones or earbuds for the duration of this week to help with completion of the tests.

Parents' Club Stall

Today all students had the opportunity to buy a gift for Mum from the Mother's and Special Friends stall. Many thanks to Kelly Henderson for her organisation of this event and to all parent helpers who came along.

We hope you enjoy your gifts.

Lee-Anne Sherwell

Principal

Principal's Availability Over the Next Week

Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Principal's meeting - Rochester	At School	At School	At School	At School

A welcome to some new staff!

A warm welcome to Liz Fagan who has joined the school as a Mathematics teacher. Liz will be teaching in a variety of year levels from Year 7-11 and is also now one of our Year 10 Home Group teachers. Emily Goode is currently with us on a 3 week Maths / Science teaching round and will then work in Maths classes for 1 day a week as part of her NEXUS pathway to teaching program.



Interim Reports from NCTTC

Interim reports from NCTTC will be distributed to students this Friday. Parents / Carers are asked to collect and discuss these with students. Please contact Charlton College / NCTTC for a phone interview if required.
Tom Bleicher

Professional Practice Day

Thursday 19th May

VET students to attend TAFE.

No other students are required at school.

Homework Help

Just a reminder that Ms Pickering is available to help with English homework sheets (or any other homework needs) every Tuesday lunch time in G5. All English classes from Year 7-10 will have homework sheets due in this week.

Thanks,
Ms Pickering and Mrs Lee
English Teachers

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 3 of Scholastic Book Club is now available. Orders for Issue 3 of Scholastic Book Club need to be completed by Thursday, 12th May. Please note that all orders need to be completed and paid for online. Payment cannot be accepted at Boort District School.



Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Boort District School is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition, but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 2 September 2022.

Children from Foundation to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers, plus be given a book from Boort District School.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklist and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: <https://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge>

School students and parents wishing to take part in the Premiers' Reading Challenge:-

1. Can access information about how to log on by heading to

<https://www.vic.gov.au/school-student-and-parents-taking-part-premiers-reading-challenge>

2. Students will need complete the section below, hand it into the library and then they will be issued with their User Name, Password and a Challenge Check List.

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Premiers' Reading Challenge.

Student Name.....

Year Level.....

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Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 students completed Work Experience during the last week of Term 1.

It has been really positive to hear students share stories of their week of work and overwhelmingly our students had a rewarding experience.

Alby Bear – Middle Creek Fish Farm - I went to Gippsland and I went to a fish farm for work experience. I started at 8am and finished at 2pm. It was fun because we did many things like what food you feed them and how they breed the different types of fish. The best thing was looking at the live food we gave the fish and the worst thing was counting the fish. This was a great experience for anyone that wants to get into fish farming.

Ryan Brown – Black Forest Tyre and Auto

Lily Caine – Brunswick Brotherhood of St Lawrence

Alex Chamberlain – Mat Coates Electrical - I started around 7:30am and I finished around 5:30pm. I was working in a chrome-plating factory for the first 2 days. We ran wires along the roof and we ran it to the machines. We also did different jobs around town like quoting houses, getting on roofs and digging trenches. I enjoyed it.

Alex Cockerell – Roberts Builders - I went to Cobden to work for Roberts Builders. I got to do a lot of demolition, so I had to pull apart a bathroom, pull down a brick wall and fit out a roller door, with having to redo the wall to make it fit in. I got to learn so much there and had lunch with the lads at the Cobden Cafe. I got to do footy training with Cobden 16s and Simpsons 18s.

Immogen Eldershaw - Boort District Health - I worked there with both Guessey and Danica. We helped with the older residents who stayed there by giving them their food, talking to them, fixing their bedding, feeding them and playing games with them. On two of the days, I helped with exercise groups, for the first one it was set in Swan Hill and for the second one it was at the hospital. I enjoyed this experience and it may be something I see myself doing in the future.

Tayla Gooding – Northern District Community Health - I got to experience a variety of different jobs including Speech therapy, occupational therapy, housing managers, youth workers, podiatry, drug and alcohol support workers, support coordinators and mental health workers. My favourite part was going to the Cohuna kindergarten with the speech therapist. It was such a great experience and I would highly recommend it to anyone who is interested in the health area.

Beau Herrington – Gendore Tractors and Machinery

Jett Hird – Swan Hill Truck Specialists

Isabelle Hosking – Mallee Osteo and Farmers for Climate Action - I really enjoyed both workplaces and everybody I met was very welcoming and friendly. At Central Mallee Osteopathy, I was able to sit in on some appointments and it was interesting to learn how osteopaths diagnose their patients. At Farmers for Climate Action, I got to see all the different moving parts of their organisation and I got to meet a lot of interesting people.

Alice Lanyon – Lindsay Park Stables - I started at 9:30am and finished at 5pm. When I arrived every morning, I mucked out the Boom Time stables and moved the horses from their stables to the paddocks for a run around. At 12:30pm, we had lunch and there were cooks there who cooked us hot meals every day. After lunch, we put the horses on electric walkers and swam them in the pool. Then we had a break at 3pm for 30 minutes. At the end of the day, we fed the horses and put their rugs on. They did the same thing every single day for 365 days a year. My experience there was amazing and I see myself going back in the future. I would definitely recommend it to anyone who was looking down that career path.

Dylan Leerson – Charlton College IT technician - I worked with Hayden McKinnon, which involved setting up new laptops for the staff and connecting them to the system. I got to learn about the system they were using and learned about various things about tech at a school and I even got to open some broken hard drives. It was a really good experience for me and I'm glad I got to do it.

Zac MacIntosh - Lanyon Engineering - During my week there, I learnt how to operate multiple types of machinery and use them in the best way possible, in the end to produce the best product. My work experience week was very enjoyable and provided me with lots of insight into what goes on behind the doors.

Lucy Malone – Loddon Herald - During my week at the Loddon Herald, I learnt the workings of newspaper creation through activities such as interviewing, writing and editing. I was also given the opportunity to write my own articles, which were included in the newspaper. It was a great insight into the field of journalism.

Ella Maxted – Shine Bright Child Care Maiden Gully - I learned important skills such as patience, following specific routines and controlling the kids. My favourite part was getting to spend time with the kids and being able to comfort them when they were upset. I enjoyed everything about my work experience, I had a really good time and it's definitely something I would consider for the future.

Jessica Minogue – Blue Water Leisure Centre - I started at 9am and finished at 3pm. The Leisure Centre consists of gym sessions, in groups or with a PT by yourself, as well as childcare and swimming lessons. The thing I enjoyed the most was joining in on PT's, giving out exercises, and helping the clients out by showing them how to use equipment and how to do the exercises correctly.

Eddie Moresi – Wills St Dental - I was able to watch procedures and see how a dental office functions. I got to watch extractions, fillings and crowns. Although dentistry isn't for me, I learnt a lot over the week.

Danica Niven - Boort District Health - I only went 3 days since I was sick two of the days. I did an exercise group and helped with the permanent residents by changing the bedding, the linen and talking to them. It was good experience but I don't see myself doing something like it in the future.

Guessy Ocaya - Boort District Health - I worked with Immogen Eldershaw and Danica Niven. We help clean the rooms of the residents, taking good care of the residents like, feeding them with their lunch, talking and sitting with them, playing games and visiting them to say goodbye at the end of the day. We also did things in nursing which I find interesting, we tested the equipment which mostly nurses do. In my work experience, I did love it and I enjoyed the things I did since it was my first time doing work experience.

Ryan O'Flaherty – CentreCom - I was mainly with the technician fixing problems with computers and laptops. The most common fix was changing the hard drive and reinstalling windows. I also did stuff involving the parts of the computer like replacing power supplies and upgrading cooling systems. I enjoyed it.

Eliza Perryman – Saint Monica's Primary School - My time there was very eye opening but I enjoyed it at the same time. I enjoyed working with all the different teachers and making connections with all the kids there, by the end of it, they actually remembered my name. I got to listen to kids to read and also test them on their spelling words. My highlight definitely was getting to teach the kids how to play secret Jedi in PE. Everyone there was so lovely and welcoming and made me feel like I fitted in. This was an eye-opening experience because I thought that teaching might have been the path I wanted to go down but after my week, I'm having second thoughts about it now. That is why work experience week is all about trying new things. I would recommend this to anyone who is maybe not sure what they want to do, but also like to help kids learn.

Nick Scott – Snap Fitness

Britney Sykes – Shine Bright Child Care Swan Hill - The part I enjoyed the most was making a connection with the kids and helping them when they needed it. In the kindergarten, I had to watch the kids and read to them. I loved working with the other staff, as they were considerate and welcoming. Eventually some of the kids remembered my name. I think this is something I would consider doing in the future. I would like to thank the staff of the kindergarten for having me.

Brady Whykes – Streader's Construction



Year 11 Work Experience

The Year 11 students completed a Melbourne Orientation/ Work Experience Program in the last week of Term 1. The planned six-day program was to feature four days of work experience and a variety of activities with the focus on the use of public transport. Activities included; St Kilda V Richmond at Marvel Stadium, Escape Room scenarios, Strike Bowling and Laser Tag, Queen Victoria Summer Night Market, dining in Lygon Street, CBD Scavenger Hunt, and University tours by past BDS students. Students in Year 11 specifically choose a work experience placement in the area they hope to pursue in the future. Unfortunately, Covid cut the trip short, but the positive experiences our students had were invaluable in planning for the future and it was great to see the fun social interactions had by all. It was positive to see Boort connections getting involved with our students work placements, special thanks to Kirsty Binns (Tweddle), Jeannine McNabb (Haw), Brett Jeffery and Natalie Canavan for your involvement in the program.

Highlights from some of the group:

Erin Farrar - I enjoyed doing the night activities with everyone and catching up about their days. I was very fortunate to go to the Maribyrnong Sports Academy College for my work experience, which was truly amazing and I really enjoyed it. The sports facilities that are provided there were so eye opening and I was exposed to a range of possible job careers.

Annie Perryman - I thoroughly enjoyed my job as a sparky working with the Downer Group. I was working testing the electricity in the National Gallery of Victoria so that was a cool experience.

Ethan Eldershaw - I did my work experience at Glenroy Specialist School and it was a great experience. I got to learn so much, all of the teachers and workers there were very nice and comforting. I learnt about how the kids grow, learn and all the kinds of activities they do.

Braedon Niven - I did my work experience at the Sentia Early Learning Centre

I learnt a lot from the experience and they had me doing many different things, so I was rarely sitting down. I was always on my feet from 9am until 5pm. The staff were very welcoming towards me and I got to learn about a lot of different cultures.

Giul Ocaya - It was a fun trip especially as I'm new in Australia and getting to know more of the Year 11 students at Boort. I really enjoyed watching the Footy game and it was actually my first footy match to watch and all the activities every night were fun. I really enjoyed my work at Docklands Health, it's fun to join the patients with their daily exercise and enjoyed the time with a Chiropractor explaining everything and showing me the process of how they crack the bones that is so satisfying. The whole experience was so fun!

Zarlie Featherby - I really enjoyed seeing how a gym worked and all the things that happen behind the scenes, I got to do workouts and see how PT sessions worked and watch recovery sessions as well. The night activities were fun, I personally really enjoyed the escape room and wish we had more time to get through it.

Tom Potter - The few days we got in, were eventful. I worked at Pondjelak Engineering for three days and I learnt that pushing the welding gun is the correct way. While I was down there I also learnt that public transport is easy to use.

Carissa Haw - I went to HERO CO, which is Australia's biggest independent marketing agency. I really enjoyed sitting in on meetings with clients and seeing how they run. The activity I enjoyed the most was the footy and I found that my confidence using PTV was heaps better after just a couple days.

Zac Mayberry - I went to Lachie Anderson Landscaping and it was great experience. Using the public transport was good experience to see how it works and using it by myself.

Bridie Doyle - On the Year 11 trip, we did lots of fun activities and had a pretty good time, for the most part. My favourite activities were the footy and ten-pin bowling. Getting used to travelling on public transport was definitely a challenge but got easier as the days went on. And as much of a shame it was that we had to leave early, it was definitely a relief to have a sleep in after a few very early mornings doing things way out of our comfort zones. I learnt a lot over the couple of days through work and even after our work activities. Was overall a very fun and useful experience.

Blake Douglass - The trip was thrilling, a great experience for learning about public transport, work ethic and becoming independent in life. Overall a great few days.

Emma Gawne - I really enjoyed work experience, even though I got Covid and had to come home a day early. Catching public transport the first day was very nerve racking. On the first day, we did get on the wrong tram and had to walk back to the line we were meant to be on. However, we then learnt the right tram to get on and was fine for the rest of the week. The actual work experience was a good experience learning what goes on in a maternal health place. I did really enjoy swimming with babies on the first day and was disappointed we were unable to attend the last day, but grateful for the experience we got. They were really lovely people and provided lunch for us each day.

Alyssa Boyd - I thoroughly enjoyed the Year 11 trip. It was nice to go down as a class and do activities after work together, like the tenpin bowling. I went to White & Case a corporate law firm. If going on work experience, I would recommend it, as the people were very nice, I always had work to do, and it wasn't boring. I got to sit in on a client meeting, I interviewed one of the lawyers to ask them about pathways to get into law. The travelling on public transport to and from work is confusing on the first day, but after that, you know how many stops until you get off. Hanging out with friends and going shopping after work was one of my highlights.



Community News



Boort Preschool

Mother's Day Raffle



1st PRIZE VALUED AT OVER \$300
 2nd PRIZE VALUED AT OVER \$150
 3rd PRIZE VALUED AT OVER \$100



\$5 for 10 tickets
\$2 for 3 tickets

Drawn
MONDAY 9th
of MAY

Tickets can be purchased via contacting
 Darri Jones on 0435 892 104
 Please advise name, number of tickets and
 contact details

Payment can be made via EFT
 Boort Preschool
 BSB: 633 000
 ACCOUNT: 162 679 617
 Reference: Your Name

All proceeds go towards the improvement
 of our preschool.
 We would like to thank you
 for your continued support

Thank you to the following local business for supporting our raffle

Audrey's of Boort Arnold's Family Butchers Boort Pharmacy
 Boort Post Office Boort Newsagency Cobram Estate
 George Tallis Home Hardware and Timber
 IGA Kerry Willis Hair Design Lashes and Beauty by Roxi
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NATIONAL FAMILY READING MONTH!

Read more in May 2022!

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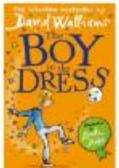
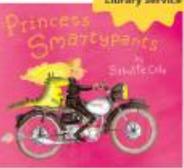
As you know, reading at home for fun has long-lasting benefits. It builds vocabulary, comprehension, and phonological awareness.

Celebrate reading more this May by borrowing 1 of the donated 10 books to the Gannawarra Library as part of the Gannawarra Goes Orange Campaign. The new books:

- promote boys and girls as equals
- help challenge gender stereotypes
- support strengths and interests of all activities and occupations.

Borrow the books for
FREE
from Gannawarra
Library Service










Take the Reading Challenge.

1. Read one of the above books during May
2. Provide us with a book review
★★★★☆
3. Send the book review to Rachel.Brooks@ndch.org.au or drop it into your nearest NDCH office.

NDCH supports over 200 individuals and families across our region who are at risk of or are experiencing homelessness. For these 200 people there are over 500 dependent children.



WINTER WOOLLIES DRIVE

Donate clean, undamaged blankets and warm winter clothes at:

- NDCH Kerang
- NDCH Quambatook
- NDCH Cohuna
- NDCH Pyramid Hill
- BRIC, Boort

2nd May to 13 May 2022

