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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

December

7th 9th & 11th Art Exhibition
9th Online 2023 booklists orders due
9th Yr F-6 Take home readers to be returned
12th – 15th Year 6 Camp
13th -15th Activities Program F-9
13th & 14th Yr 7-9 Touch Rugby Program
15th Presentation Night 7.30pm Yr 7-12
16th Celebration Afternoon F-6 2.30pm
20th Pupil Free Day.

Principal's Report

Congratulations

Congratulations to Pam Adams who was successful in gaining a position at a new school for 2023. We wish her well at Kerang South Primary.

Fees/Booklists/IT Agreements

By the end of this week, we will have fee/contribution lists ready to go home along with update forms – changing addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, family occupation information, permission to give contact details to the Parents' Club and medical information. Be on the lookout for this.

All **IT Agreements** will be completed online, via XUNO, so parents only have to tick a box to approve the Acceptable Users Agreement. This will occur early in 2023.

Final Weeks of 2022

As this year draws to a close, I would like to point out events coming up.

Activities Programme starts on Tuesday 13th December for all Year F-9 students. Information will go home soon. Students do not need to wear school uniform; they are advised to wear appropriate footwear and sun smart clothing for the activities.

Presentation Night – Years 7-12

Presentation Night will be in the Stadium for the first time in two years. Our Year 6 students will not be there as they will be returning from camp but they will be acknowledged on the night and receive their awards at the Celebration Afternoon. It will allow our community to come together to celebrate the achievements of our students. Full school uniform is required.

Date: Thursday 15th December

Time: 7.30pm

Where: Stadium

Celebration Afternoon Years F-6

Join us in the Stadium for a celebration of all things F-6. Everyone is invited to attend as we also celebrate the Year 6 students transitioning to Secondary school. Santa will visit and Zooper Doopers will be distributed. F-6 students are to wear full school uniform on this day.

Date: Friday 16th December

Time: 2.30pm

Where: Stadium

Monday 19th December – Students on-site will be supporting staff as they clean the rooms, desks and straighten out supplies and materials for 2023.

Monday 20th December – Pupil Free day. Staff will be on-site. Students are not required.

Lee-Anne Sherwell

Principal

Principal's Availability over the Next Week

Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
At School	At School	On Camp – Year 6, Melbourne	At School	At School

2022 END OF YEAR DATES

Year 6 to 7 step up

Wednesday 7th December

Activities Program

Tuesday 13th December – Thursday 15th December

Year 6 Melbourne Camp

Monday 12th December – Thursday 15th December

Presentation Night 7-12

Thursday 15th December

Celebration afternoon F-6

Friday 16th December – F-6

Friday 16th December - Year F-5 step up

Finish

Tuesday 20th December – (Student free day)

Cherries and Mangos

Thank you to Joe Bear and Kim Potter for organising the delicious Cherry and Mango boxes. Thanks also to their helpers.





Our Library is closed, please return all books.

F-6 Readers

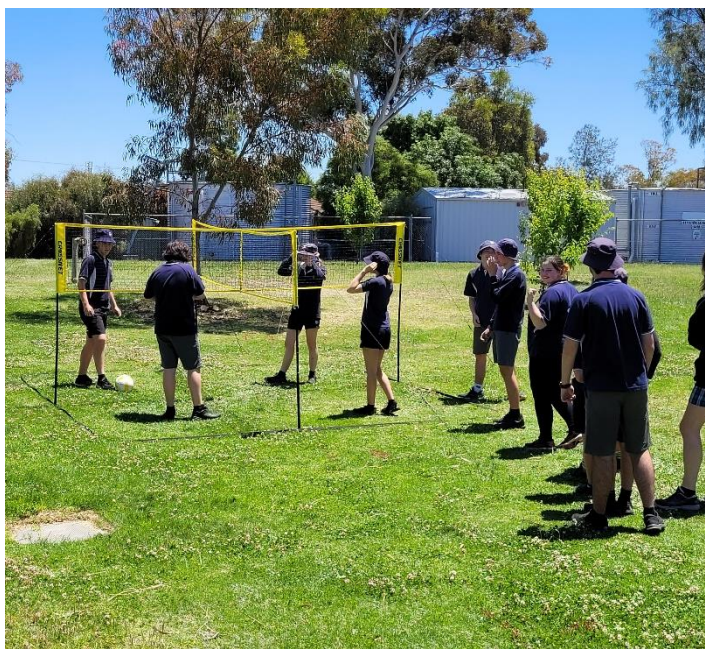
All take home readers need to be returned to the classroom by Friday 9th December.

Booklists

If ordering through Education Plus please have your online order in by Friday 9th December.

NEW CROSSNET GAME

We would like to thank the Boort DS Parents' Club for their subsidising of our new Crossnet game that is a blend of Volleyball and Four-Square. Students are already enjoying it out in the yard and it is great to see students activity and enjoying the warmer weather.



COMMUNITY NEWS

The Melbourne Grammar School Symphony

Orchestra takes to the rails this December to bring the finest of classical music to country Victoria in BOORT - SUNDAY, 11 DECEMBER 2022 | 6:00PM – 7:30PM.

Travelling by train from the Mallee to Gippsland, from the Western District to the Riverina, 80 young musicians will perform beloved works by Mozart, Fauré, Borodin and Vaughan Williams. Towns visited include: Wycheproof (10th Dec), Maryborough and Boort (11th Dec), Warrnambool (12th Dec), Sale (13th Dec), Buchan (14th Dec), Swan Hill (15th Dec) and Echuca (16th Dec).

Proceeds from the performances will be donated back to the local communities so don't miss this chance to hear a wonderful orchestra live in concert, in Boort this December.

Date and time

Sun, 11 Dec 2022

6:00 - 7:30 PM

Location Boort Memorial Hall, 119 Godfrey Street, Boort, 3537

Cost \$20 – Adult

\$15 - Concession

\$10 - Student

Enquiries

Hall President: Ian Potter 0427 554 252 or Hall

Secretary: Narelle Vernon 0429 050 866

Tickets available at mgs.vic.edu.au/events and at the door



Boort Baptist Church & Bendigo Christian Union present:

FREE

KIDS' CLUB

Prep - Yr 6



Uni Students from La Trobe Uni (Bendigo Christian Union) are partnering with Boort Baptist Church to put on a kids' club for the kids of Boort!

WHEN: Friday 9th December 3:30-5pm

WHERE: Boort Baptist Church
23 Armstrong St, Boort

ACTIVITIES: Games, Craft, Bible Stories & Afternoon Tea

COST: Free

All Leaders have Working with Children's Checks

Any Questions Contact:
Pat Houghton: 0468 590 325 (Boort Baptist)
Cat Tuckwell: 0479 126 872 (Bendigo Christian Union)

Boort Church logo and Bendigo Christian Union logo are present.

PLEASE REGISTER PRIOR ONLINE
(tinyurl.com/kidsclubboort2022)
OR IN PERSON ON THE DAY

Bendigo Christian Union & Boort Baptist Church invites you to:

All I Want for Christmas

WHO: Year 7-12
ALL WELCOME!!!

WHERE: James Boyle Hall

WHEN: Friday 9th Dec @ 7-9pm

WHAT: Snacks, fun games, hearing stories, and more!

All leaders have Working with Children's Check:
Any Questions Contact:
Pat Houghton 0468 590 325 (Boort Baptist)
Steve Blyth 0407 436 596 (Bendigo Christian Union)

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ELF ON THE SHELF IDEAS

to encourage 2 serves of fruit & 5 serves of veg



NOCH logo at the bottom right.

FLOOD RECOVERY NEWSLETTER



Edition 4: 2 December 2022

Business and primary producer support

Vic Government Business Relief Service

Support from local business relief advisers to guide business owners through the available Commonwealth, state and local supports. Call 13 22 15.

Vic Government Small Business Immediate Flood Relief Program

A one-off payment of \$5000 for eligible businesses, to assist with costs such as clean-up, safety inspections, repairs, the hiring of equipment and purchase of stock. <https://business.vic.gov.au/grants-and-programs/small-business-immediate-flood-relief-program>

Business and Community Sport Flood Recovery Grants

A grant of up to \$50,000 for eligible businesses, not-for-profit and community sport and active recreation organisations. <https://business.vic.gov.au/grants-and-programs/business-and-community-sport-flood-recovery-grants>

Aust Government Disaster Recovery Payment

A lump sum payment (\$1000 per adult, \$400 per child under 16) to help with major damage to properties and assets or who those have been seriously injured. <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/victorian-floods-october-2022-australian-government-disaster-recovery-payment>

Aust Government Disaster Recovery Allowance

Income support payments to employees, primary producers and sole traders who can demonstrate they experienced a loss of income as a result of the floods. <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/victorian-floods-october-2022-disaster-recovery-allowance>

Clean-up program during the Victorian floods

Available for everyone affected by the floods. <https://www.vic.gov.au/2022-floods-clean-up-program>

Vic Government Primary Producer Recovery Grants

Up to \$75,000 grants to cover the cost of recovery <https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/farm-management/emergency-management/floods/flood-advice-and-support>

Business and primary producer support cont...

Vic Government Rural Landholder Grant

If you do not meet the eligibility requirements for the \$75,000 Flood Recovery Grant, but operate a smaller scale Primary Production Enterprise, you may be eligible for a Rural Landholder Grant of up to \$25,000. <https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/Victorian-Rural-Landholder-Grants>

Vic Government Primary Producer Concessional Loan

Up to \$250,000 to restore or replace damaged equipment and infrastructure, or to cover short-term business expenses. <https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/farm-management/emergency-management/floods/flood-advice-and-support>

Vic Government Primary Producer Transport Subsidies

Up to \$15,000 to support transport of emergency fodder, stock drinking water and movement of livestock. <https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/farm-management/emergency-management/floods/flood-advice-and-support>

Bridgewater river scanning

On 26 October 2022, after significant flooding, Maritime Safety Victoria declared that all persons and vessels were prohibited from entering or remaining in the waters of the Loddon River from the Laanecoore Reservoir wall to the Flour Mill Weir at Bridgewater (excluding relevant emergency services/Council persons and/or vessels).

On 23 November 2022, Total Hydrographic were engaged to undertake a Multibeam Survey and Hazard Detection of Bridgewater Ski Zone and Swimming hole.

The river re-opened on 24 November 2022, once the safety assessments were completed. Loddon Shire staff will now use the results of the survey to install buoys to mark out the ski zone and slalom course.

FLOOD RECOVERY HOTLINE 1800 560 760

Health and wellbeing support

- Nurse on Call: 24hr caring and professional health advice 1300 60 60 24.
- National Relay Service: Assistance making a phone call if you are deaf or have a hearing or speech impediment. Speak and listen number: 1300 555 727. Teletypewriter number: 133 677. SMS relay number: 0423 677 767.
- Translation and Interpreter Services: Provides access to phone and on-site interpreting services. Requests must be submitted at least 48 hours in advance. www.tisnational.gov.au
- Lifeline: 24hr crisis support and suicide prevention services: 13 11 14 or lifeline.org.au
- Beyond Blue: Information and support for anxiety and/or depression: 1300 224 636 or beyondblue.com.au
- Kids Help Line: 24hr phone and online counselling service for people aged 5-25: 1800 551 800 or kidshelpline.com.au
- Emerging Minds: Provides resources for parents, carers and families about infant and child mental health: emergingminds.com.au

Local support services

Community Health / Hospitals

Boort District Health
3 Kiniry St, Boort
P: (03) 5451 5200

Inglewood and District Health Services
3 Hospital St, Inglewood
P: (03) 5431 7000

Northern District Community Health
P: (03) 5451 0200

Boort Medical Centre
2 Couatts St, Boort
P:(03) 5451 5200

Dingee Bush Nursing Centre
21 King St, Dingee
P:(03) 5436 8309

Marong Medical Centre
8 Hospital St, Inglewood
P:(03) 5438 3308

Boort and Pyramid Hill Community Health
P:(03) 5451 0200

Wedderburn Health Clinic
25 Wilson St, Wedderburn
P: (03) 5494 3511

Legal Services

Loddon Campaspe Community Legal Service
P: 1800 450 909

Neighbourhood Houses

Boort Resource and Information Centre (BRIC)
119-121 Godfrey St, Boort
P: (03) 5455 2716

Inglewood Community Neighbourhood House
Cnr Verdon & Market St, Inglewood
P: (03)5455 2716

Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House
43 Kelly St, Pyramid Hill
P: (03) 5455 7129

Wedderburn Community House
24 Wilson St, Wedderburn
P: (03) 5494 3489

Animal and insect related hazards

Beat the bite

Mosquitos can breed in floodwaters. If you're travelling through or visiting this region make sure you:

- Cover up - wear long, loose-fitting clothing.
- Use mosquito repellents containing picardin or DEET on all exposed skin.
- Limit outdoor activity if lots of mosquitoes are about.
- Use 'knockdown' fly spray, mosquito coils or plug-in repellent where you gather to sit or eat outdoors.
- Don't forget the kids – always check the insect repellent label. On babies, you might need to spray or rub repellent on their clothes instead of their skin. Avoid applying repellent to the hands of babies or young children.

Japanese Encephalitis Virus (JEV)

JEV is a rare but potentially serious infection of the brain spread to humans through mosquito bites.

Free vaccinations are now available for people aged 2 months or older who live or routinely work in Loddon Shire, AND

- Spend at least 4 hours per day outside for unavoidable work, recreation, educational or other essential activities.
- Are living in temporary or flood damaged accommodation
- Are engaged in the prolonged outdoor recovery efforts of stagnant water.

JEV vaccination clinics

Loddon Shire Council has partnered with Bendigo Health to deliver JEV vaccination clinics throughout the month of December at various sites across our municipality. Sites may be able to take limited walk-ins on the day but there is a state wide shortage of the JEV vaccination, therefore bookings are highly recommended.

Bookings can be made by finding the relevant clinic on the Bendigo Health outreach vaccination webpage at: <https://bendigohealth.org.au/outreachvaccination/>

If you have any questions, please contact Bendigo Health on: 1800 329 189

Loddon Shire services

For up to date information regarding flood recovery and council services:

- Visit our website at www.loddon.vic.gov.au
- Call our office between 8.15am-4.45pm, Monday-Friday on (03) 5494 1200; or
- Go to our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/LoddonShire/

Year 12 Student Reminders



Federation Uni - Early Offer – Close 12th December

Register for VCE Unit 3 & 4 Results/ATAR

Monday 12th December 2022

<https://resultsandatar.vic.edu.au>

**Change of Preference close for VTAC 1st Round
Course offers**

Close 14th December 2022 @ 4:00pm

VTAC 1st Round Course Offers

21st December 2022

Youth Take Over Opportunities

www.ncllen.org.au/yto.html

VTAC

**VTAC | Webinar: getting ready for your
results – what happens next?**



Monday 5th December 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Thursday 8th December 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Join the VTAC team for a live webinar which will cover what happens when you receive your results and ATAR, how change of preference and course offers works, and some really key things you should be thinking about now to ensure you get the best outcome.

Register for 5th Dec:

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_n_cqfD2t_SpeHMzs7pDSauA

Register for 8th Dec:

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_CaQQXe_AYQOuO1nFm9dwYsA

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Victoria Police | Info Session – Webinar



Thursday 8th December 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Victoria Police is hosting an online information session. Hear from us about the recruitment process and training at the Police Academy. It's also your opportunity to ask questions you have about police careers and pathways.

www.eventbrite.com.au/e/police-information-session-webinar-tickets-468852238667

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION SESSIONS

**La Trobe | Change of Preference – Campus
Tours & Support**



Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th December

If you missed the entry requirement, have changed your mind on what course you want to study, need advice of any kind, or just want to take a tour of the campus you'll soon be studying at, you can see us on campus during the change of preference period. All campuses will be open for you to be taken on a guided tour, so you can see some of the amazing facilities that you'll be using when you study at La Trobe university in 2023.

www.latrobe.edu.au/study/undergrad/change-of-preference-events

Change of Preference Consults - Online



Monday 12th – Wednesday 14th December

Are you finishing your year 12 studies?

Join us for change of preference advice to navigate your study options and alternative entry and admissions pathways for our Melbourne and Ballarat campuses.

<https://acufuturestudents.swoogo.com/cop-melbourne>

Change of Preference Campus Events



Geelong Waterfront: Mon 12th Dec. 1pm - 3pm

Warrnambool: Monday 12th December 1pm - 3pm

Melbourne: Monday 12th December 4pm - 6pm

Waurm Ponds: Monday 12th December 4pm - 6pm

Now is your opportunity to find out everything you need to know and discuss your options with our course, pathways and admissions specialists. You'll also have the opportunity to explore your future campus, and accommodation options, with guided tours from our knowledgeable and friendly current Deakin students.

www.deakin.edu.au/student-life-and-services/events/change-of-preference-campus-events



Received Your ATAR? Make What's Next Count! (Online)



Monday 12th December 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Receiving your ATAR can be overwhelming, which is why RMIT are here to help!

Whether you've exceeded expectations or didn't perform as you hoped, RMIT is here to assist you with understanding the Change of Preference process and help you understand your options for what's next.

During our online session, you will be able to:

- Ask questions regarding your situation via our chat box function.
- Understand the options available to you.
- Receive tips and tricks to secure a place in your dream course!

www.rmit.edu.au/events/2022/december/make-whats-next-count

University of Melbourne | Change of Preference Expo



Tuesday 13th December 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

University of Melbourne, Parkville Campus

Chat with us about your ATAR results and how to finalise your VTAC course preferences. You can also hear from current students and find out what life could be like for you at Melbourne in 2023.

<https://study.unimelb.edu.au/change-of-preference>

Monash | Change Day



Tuesday 13 December 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Monash University, Clayton Campus

Once you receive your results, you may have a lot of questions about what to do next. We've planned Monash Change Day exactly for this reason, where you can speak one-on-one with course advisers across our ten study areas and find out everything you need to plan your future.

From finding out how to change your VTAC course preferences to exploring study options based on your ATAR score, our course advisers will be on-hand to help you with your questions.

www.monash.edu/change-of-preference/change-day

FEDERATION UNI INFO DAY



Tuesday 13th December 12:00pm – 6:30pm

Whether you've exceeded expectations, or your results weren't quite what you were expecting, Federation is here to assist you with understanding the Change of Preference process and plan your personalised pathway to a dream career.

At our Info Day events you will be able to:

- Speak to staff and students about your scores and study options
- Take a tour of our Berwick, Gippsland, Mt Helen or Camp St campuses

<https://federation.edu.au/future-students/study-at-federation/info-day>

VU TAILORED FOR YOU!



Book a session at the campus where you will be studying next year to experience an inspirational panel discussion, tailored tour and hands-on activities.

Explore our state-of-the-art facilities, campus cafés, libraries and shared spaces. Find out more about the VU Block Model and our award-winning interactive e-Learning model at [VU Polytechnic](http://VUPolytechnic). And enjoy free food and drink!

<https://study.vu.edu.au/vucop>

Swinburne Change of Preference Expo



When your Year 12 results are released, you might feel you've done better than you expected, or you didn't get the results you were hoping for. Or maybe you've just had a change of heart. So, you may want to rejig your preferences.

That's why you'll be able to join us on campus, Tuesday 13 December, for our Change of Preference Expo.

- Come with friends
- Get one-on-one preference help
- Take a campus tour
- Enjoy free food, drink, and merch
- See Swinburne's surrounds

www.swinburne.edu.au/events/2022/12/change-of-preference-expo

TAFE INFORMATION SESSIONS

Change of Preference Webinar



Tuesday 13th December 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Change of Preference is a time for those students that have applied to study through VTAC to review their options. This may mean reordering preferences, investigating new courses or discovering pathways to your dream course.

www.angliss.edu.au/events-hub/change-of-preference-webinar/

Fed Uni | Community Services Info Session



Wednesday 14 December 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Federation University Australia, Horsham Campus
If helping people is in your nature – now is the time to get started in the community services sector.

Find out more:

<https://events.federation.edu.au/event/sessions?id=Horsham-Community-Services-Information-Session2248928446>

Early Childhood Education Information Session



Wednesday 14th December 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Victoria University, Footscray Nicholson Campus
There's never been a better time to study early childhood education at VU Polytechnic.

At VU Polytechnic, we offer:

- Traineeships (Certificate III and Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care)
- Part-time training options (Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care)

Find out more:

www.vupolytechnic.edu.au/events/early-childhood-education-information-sessions

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Pyramid Hill

Barb Bear

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SCHOLARSHIPS

Swinburne Carsales Foundation Women in STEM Scholarship



Value: \$7,500 AUD per year

Open Now, Close March 31, 2023

The Carsales Foundation Scholarship is focused on encouraging women to undertake a career in the technology industry. This scholarship provides \$7,500 to support a female student with demonstrated academic ability and desire to undertake undergraduate studies in the field of Computer Science and Information Technology.

www.swinburne.edu.au/study/options/scholarships/387/carsales-foundation-women-in-stem-scholarship/

RMIT DELWP Diversity and Inclusion Scholarship



Value: Up to \$10,000 AUD

Open Now, Close January 22, 2023

For students who identify as a woman and/or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students enrolled in surveying or geospatial sciences.

www.rmit.edu.au/students/careers-opportunities/scholarships/coursework/delwp

Deakin IGNITED Scholarship



Value: \$5,000 per year

Open Now, Close January 9, 2023

The IGNITED Scholarship has been created to ignite women's interest in industry areas traditionally dominated by men, including engineering, information technology and construction management.

www.deakin.edu.au/study/fees-and-scholarships/scholarships/find-a-scholarship/ignited-scholarship-igniting-female-interest-in-engineering-information-technology-and-construction-management

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