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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

February

8th Yr 12 'Look after your mate'

8th Ground Committee Meeting

10th Yr 7-12 House Swimming Sports

13th Urban Surf

13th Parents' Club Meeting via Webex

15th School Council Meeting

17th Whole School Assembly

20th Yr 7-12 NCD Swimming Sports

22nd Elevate Study Skills

24th Yr F-6 House Swimming Sports

March

3rd BBQ Lunch & activities for all

8th School Photos

9th NCD Triathlon

10th Whole School Assembly

13th Labour Day Holiday.

Principal's Report

Xuno and Update forms

Thanks to the many families who have returned the Update forms, particularly those who have provided alternative email addresses for use with Xuno. I have been getting some bounce backs on emails sent out so please make sure you have sent along your new email addresses with your update forms. All new families have been sent a welcome email and a 'how to use Xuno' booklet.

Many excursion permissions are now on Xuno so please check to see if you can log in.

Working Bees for 2023

Based on information from the update forms, a roster for the working bees will be created and sent out via email and newsletter, very shortly. We are looking forward to getting these underway again and we encourage every family to do them – a once per year rostered duty. Feel free to come along to more than one working bee if you wish.

Bushfire and Snakes

As always at this time of year we face the problems of snakes and potential bushfire threats. We do everything we can to keep grass and weeds cut and we warn our students to be on the lookout for snakes – but not to touch them.

We are a Bushfire at Risk School and as such we have an up-to-date emergency management plan and we will let parents know of any possible school closures. A Catastrophic day will close our school and all bus routes. The Regional Office determines if we close our school. All families will be informed if school is affected by bushfire.

Thanks

We wish to thank Leanna Moresi, for filling in for Noemi Dussin who has been on long service leave.

Lee-Anne Sherwell

Principal

Principal's Availability Next Week

Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
At School	At School	At School	At School	At School

Did you know you can send messages to teachers through Xuno? 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.

Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting

Wednesday 8th February

5.30pm – Room 21

All welcome to attend

BPay Payments

It is pleasing that we are receiving BPay payments from families. Please return the forms sent out at the end of last year, if no forms are returned remaining credit will be allocated to a magazine and Parents' Club.

Homework Help

Homework Help will be running again in 2023! Ms Pickering and Liz will be available from 1.05pm, in G5, on Tuesdays, to supervise those who would like some extra help, or those who have been requested to attend by their teachers. Students are welcome to bring their lunch.

Ms Pickering and Liz

Parents' Club Meeting

Please join us at our Parents' Club meeting on **Monday 13th February at 7.30pm** via WebEx. Meeting link <https://eduvic.webex.com/eduvic/j.php?MTID=meeef0c032622a2cd3db2952224244d8f6>

Meeting number 2654 001 0725

See you there!

Kelly Henderson President

Parents, carers and friends

Join us for a BBQ lunch and some activities

When – Friday 3rd March

Where – Boort District School

Time – 1pm to 1.50pm

Free sausage sizzle for all, games and activities, walk through the yard and buildings



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.



**Year 7 to 9 Mathematics
SQUIZYA Homework Program 2023**



This year students from Year 7 to Year 9 will again be doing their mathematics homework on the sQuizya website. This is the interactive version of the Maths Mate homework program.

All students from Year 7 and new students will have received an email via their school email account giving them their passwords to allow them to do this.

Weekly homework tasks, will be added by staff and results communicated through Xuno reporting.

There are eight homework tasks per term and at times extra homework may be set on class work being covered.

Due dates for each level:

Year 7 Homework will be due on Monday each week beginning Week 3 of term.

Year 8 Homework will be due on Tuesday each week beginning Week 2 of term.

Year 9 Homework will due on Tuesday each week beginning Week 2 of term.

Students in Year 7 will be completing the first of these during class time to help them learn how to navigate the site, this task will close on the 6th Feb and the second task open on this date. The Year 8 and 9 students are familiar with the site as we have used it in the previous year. New students will be shown how to navigate the site.

The SQUIZYA site also gives students and staff access to a variety of skill building extras.

If you would like to see your child's results in more detail, you can go to the following website:

<https://www.squizya.com/user/login> and use your child's login details to access their results.

If any family has internet issues that will impact on their child completing homework on line please contact me at school to discuss options.

Noemi Dussin

Mathematics Coordinator



Scholastic Book Club

Issue 1 of Scholastic Book Club is now available. Orders for Issue 1 need to be completed by Monday 20th Feb. Please note that all orders need to be completed and paid for online. Payment cannot be accepted at Boort District School. Please see the back of the Scholastic Magazine this shows how to place an order.

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1 Free Book	\$30
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Boort Netball Club.

Boort Netball Club is seeking expressions of interest for all Junior Grades. Under 14's (born 2009 - 2012) and Under 17's (born 2006 - 2008) who would like to play netball this season, please put forward an expression of interest to boortnc@gmail.com by Sunday 5th February, so the committee and coaches can get an indication of numbers for each grade and make decisions on the coming season.

Any enquiries, please contact President – Roxy Train 0423 383 264

Boort Hockey Club is seeking expressions of interest for Season 2023

We are a family friendly club who welcome new and returning players. We are seeking expressions of interest in ALL grades of hockey.

- **Minkey (Foundation to Year 4)**
- **Under 12's (born 2011-2013)**
- **Under 15's (born 2008-2010)**
- **Women**
- **Men**

If you would like to play hockey this season please register your interest by clicking on [Season 2023 Expression of Interest - Boort Hockey Club - revolutioniseSPORT](#), and fill in details as a guest, below the login. We would appreciate expressions by **Wednesday February 15th**. Further information regarding registrations and purchasing Boort Hockey Club uniforms, will be sent out shortly. We look forward to a great season on and off the field.



Any queries, please contact President - Chelsea Challis-Broad 0408 251 528
Secretary – Kelly Henderson 0427 280 583 boorthockey@gmail.com

Boort Tennis Club Junior coaching

Junior Tennis coaching will again be available for age's Foundation - Year 8. 12.45pm at the tennis courts. Starts February 11th. No cost. Just turn up and have fun. Racquets are available if needed.



Grant's Bus Service Pty Ltd are seeking a relief Bus Driver for the Boort-Fernihurst bus run.

Applicant would need a HD Drivers Licence, Taxi Licence and WWCC. They would also need to be prepared to complete online training from time to time to comply with safety regulations. Interested applicants can call Merrilyn Grant on 0458 353 241.

The "**Loddon Plains Birds Day Out**" is going to be held on Sunday 5th of March at the Loddon Plains headquarters, the Inglewood Railway Goods shed 28 Station Street Inglewood, 3517 Victoria (Cnr of Station and Southey Street opposite the fire station). The event is supported by the Victorian Government through the Volunteering Innovation Fund. The Event will feature Guest bird guide and bird expert Simon Starr of Firetail Birdwatching tours. Simon Grew up in the UK and studied a degree in Ecology before working at bird observatories in the UK, Canada, and Australia while traveling around the world in search of birds. Simon eventually settled in Victoria where he has lived in both Northern Victoria and Melbourne while running guided bird-watching tours (Firetail birdwatching tours) for between 1 and 10 days throughout Australia. Simon also founded and manages the Birding Victoria website and has done so since 2004. Please RSVP your attendance to me prior to the day preferably by Monday 27th of February. Please note that more details will come out in due course including a schedule. likely times will be 10am-3pm TBC. Look Forward to great attendance on the day.

Thanks **Will Sanson, Landcare Facilitator and Goanna Project Worker Loddon Plains Landcare Network | 0490 412 430 |**

BULOKE LODDON



Need help getting your P's?

The TAC L2P program helps young learner drivers (16-21) with limited access to supervising driver or vehicle to get on the road with trained mentors available to help them obtain the 120 hours necessary to get their licence.



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LLEN

For more information about this FREE program contact the North Central LLEN on 03 5491 1144 or email l2p@ncllen.org.au



Mentor Training

Would you like to help young people learn to drive?
Do you have at least two hours per fortnight to spare?

Are you over 21 years old?
Do you hold a full current driver's licence?

The Buloke Loddon L2P program matches volunteer driver mentors to young learner drivers to assist them in gaining on the road driving experience in a vehicle that is provided through the program - all we need is your time (and interest).

A training session for Mentors is being held on Sunday 26 February 2023 at Wycheproof between 10 am and 3 pm.

If you are interested, please email l2p@ncllen.org.au or contact the North Central LLEN on 5491 1144

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN

NOLEN'S PARK PARKRUN BREAKFAST

FREE



When:
SATURDAY FEB 11TH AT 8AM

Where:
Starting at Nolen's Park, Boort near the exercise equipment

What:
JOIN US FOR A HEALTHY BREAKFAST AFTER PARKRUN

It's healthy lunchbox week, 1 of 3 lunchboxes to be won for children and young people.

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WELCOME

FIND US ON FACEBOOK @nolensparkparkrun
OR ONLINE www.parkrun.com.au/nolenspark/



30th Cohuna Bridge to Bridge Sunday, March 5



Ride / Run / Walk

Apex Park, Island Rd. Cohuna

- Mawsons Kids K
- thegannawarra.com.au 6.5km Fun Run/Walk
- North Central CMA 12.5km Trail Run
- Cohuna Auto Electrical 21.1km Trail Run
- AWMA Water Control Solutions 6.5km Junior Cycle
- 25km Cycle
- 50km Cycle
- Virtual options for each event

15%
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DISCOUNT

Major fundraiser for the



with proceeds going towards an upgrade to the outdoor area for the aged care residents in the nursing home.



Neighbourhood Houses
The Heart of Our Community

Organised by the Bridge to Bridge Committee, under the auspices of Cohuna Neighbourhood House.

www.bridgetobridge.org.au for full details and to enter
REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: Saturday, March 4 at 3pm



Careers and Pathways

Career Pathways Program



North Central LLEN

Angela Poxon from the North Central LLEN, is the school's Individual Career Pathways Coordinator. Angela is a qualified Career Development Practitioner who visits the school approximately 6-7 full days each term and is available for Career Development appointments with all Students in Years 9-12.

During these career appointments students discuss subject selection, personal strengths, abilities & interests, goal setting, career interests, resumes, work experience opportunities, post school study/work options, etc.

Each student has a Career Pathways Plan that is updated after each appointment, and these reports are available to the students and their parents or guardians through Xuno.

Students are expected to see Angela on regular occasions throughout Years 9-12.

Appointments are organised through the class teachers

www.ncllen.org.au/careers-education-partnership.html

Scholarship Opportunity



Attention: Year 12 Students



ANU Tuckwell Scholarship Program

Open: March 1, 2023

Closes: April 3, 2023

Value: \$24,700 AUD per year

<https://tuckwell.anu.edu.au/>



University of Melbourne Hansen Scholarship

Open: February 3, 2023

Closes: March 30, 2023

Value: Up to \$108,000 AUD

<https://scholarships.unimelb.edu.au/awards/hansen-scholarship>

3 Things to Think About When Looking for Work Experience



If you've been looking for work experience, you might be having some trouble knowing whether or not a placement is right for you. Here are some tips that can help you narrow down your options and make the right choice.

Think outside the box!

You might already know exactly where you want to do your work experience. But sometimes it's not always possible to get exactly what you want.

Say you'd like to work at a zoo one day, so you look for work experience at a zoo nearby, but their placements are all taken – or there are no zoos where you live. What next?

Well, you could always do a placement somewhere similar, where you'll be doing similar tasks and gaining valuable skills. Think about other places you might be able to work with animals – at a local shelter, at a vet's office, or even with animal management at the local council. Just because your dream option won't work doesn't mean there aren't tons of other valuable opportunities out there.

Do some research!

Before you commit to a work experience placement, it's always good if you can have a chat with your potential employer to get a feel for the place and what to expect.

Make sure you know exactly what is expected of you, such as what time you need to show up and what you need to wear or bring with you.

If a placement runs over a set date, make sure you can fully commit to it.

As a work experience student, you should never be expected to do work that a paid employee would be doing. Most of your day will involve shadowing, asking questions, or working on mock projects or exercises. If you have concerns, speak with a senior employee or manager, or get in touch with your school. If you need to you can also visit:

www.fairwork.gov.au

Looking for work experience?

If you're looking for more work experience opportunities, take a look here:

<https://studyworkqrow.com.au/work-experience/>

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