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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: Acting in a Safe and Responsible Manner



DIARY DATES

February

15th School Council Meeting

17th Whole School Assembly

20th Yr 7-12 NCD Swimming Sports

22nd Elevate Study Skills

22nd – 24th Yr 8 Surf Trip

24th Yr F-6 House Swimming Sports

24th Yr 12 You Thrive.

March

3rd BBQ Lunch & activities for all

8th School Photos

9th NCD Triathlon

10th Whole School Assembly

13th Labour Day Holiday.

Principal's Report

School Council Elections

At this week's meeting we will table the timeline for elections for 2023. There will be parent and staff positions that will need to be filled and I urge all families to consider taking on the responsibility of coming on to School Council and have an input into the direction of the school. Official notification of the election and a call for nominations will occur on Friday 17th February. Nomination forms will be available from the General Office and will be emailed out to all families. Please contact any current school councillor or myself if you would like to ask questions about being on Council.

Our current councillors are: Tanya Maher-Toose, Brenton Henderson, Carl Chamberlain, Brett Hosking and Doug Perryman.

Arrival at School

Could families please be aware that students should not be on the school grounds before 8.40 am as there is no duty teacher to supervise until that time. It has also been noted that students are crossing into the school grounds via the staff carpark. This is dangerous and students should avoid this area at all times.

Swimming Sports

Year 7-12 swimming sports was held last Friday at the Boort pool. Parents, carers and family members came along to cheer on their children. It was an exceptionally hot day with lots of sunscreen being used and many reminders about hats and t-shirts being worn. Congratulations to our age group champions (list and photo further on) and to Maroochy House for a great win.

The F-6 swimming sports will be held next Friday (24th Feb). Parents, carers and grandparents are welcome to attend.

Laptops and iPads

All Year 5-12 students should have their own laptops for use at school. This is their primary device. iPads are used by Years F-4 students. The Acceptable Use policy is currently on XUNO for family approval – a simple login to the site and hit a button to sign/accept details (just like for excursions).

Lee-Anne Sherwell

Principal

Principal's Availability Next Week

Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
At School - Conference	At School	At School	At School	At School

ICT (Information and Computer Technology) Acceptable Users Policy

Yesterday, all parents / carers will have received a copy of this policy through Xuno events. We ask all families to read this carefully and discuss with their children. Please acknowledge that this document has been received and read. In this age, it is important that access to online materials and use of the school network is monitored. We will continue to work with our students to ensure that they understand the necessity of safe online practices. Please attend to this task as soon as possible, or prior to March 14th.

Whole School Assemblies

Three times each term we run whole school assemblies in the stadium. We invite parents to our first assembly for 2023 this Friday at 1.55pm in the stadium. The presentation of our 2023 SRC headlines the action!

Tom Bleicher

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, 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.

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.

F-6 SWIMMING SPORTS

A reminder that the F-6 Swimming Sports will be held next week on Friday 24th February. All students will need to ensure they have bathers, rashies, towel, sun hats, drink bottle, sunscreen and lunch for the day.

Students are to arrive at school dressed in house colours and will be transported via bus to the swimming pool. Events for Year 4-6 students will commence at 9:15am and F-3 students at 11:30am. The day will finish at 3:15pm with bus travelers being picked up at the pool and returning to the school to commence bus runs. All other students will be dismissed from the swimming pool.

Tissues and Wipes in F-6 Classrooms

A reminder to provide a box of tissues and a packet of wipes for each child in the Primary area. Could these please be given to classroom teachers by the end of next week.

Thankyou

F-6 Staff



FRUITBREAK AT BOORT DISTRICT SCHOOL

Fruit Break at Boort District School is a time during the school day when students can 'refuel' on fruit and salad vegetables and 'rehydrate' with water. Each day, students bring a piece of fruit or vegetables to school to eat during Fruit Break. In addition, each student has a bottle of water to drink throughout the day to prevent dehydration.

Fruit Break may be done at the same time for all classes or individual teachers may decide when it best suits their class. Fruit Break doesn't have to be a break where students stop work, it can be done as students continue on with their work and can be done inside or outside the classroom.

Why do we have Fruitbreak at BDS?

'Refuelling' and being hydrated can boost a student's physical and mental performance and concentration in the classroom. Results of government research for primary school aged children shows that less than one in ten eat enough vegetables and about three in ten do not eat enough fruit.



WHY IS EATING BREAKFAST SO IMPORTANT?

Breakfast really is the "most important meal of the day." Kids who eat breakfast tend to eat healthier overall, get more physical activity, and maintain a healthy body weight. Helping kids build healthful eating habits, including eating a nutritious breakfast, can build a foundation of eating right. But, making sure you have a good breakfast every day is a challenge. So, why is breakfast important and how can you make it easier on the whole family?

Why is breakfast important for kids?

Eating breakfast is important for everyone, but especially for children and teens. After going without food for 8 to 10 hours during sleep, breakfast gives our bodies the fuel it needs for the day. Eating breakfast helps jump start metabolism for the day. Kids who don't eat breakfast will tend to feel an energy drain by mid-morning. In general, kids who skip breakfast will feel tired, restless and irritable. Eating a healthful breakfast has been shown to help attention span, concentration and memory—all important for learning. Eating a good breakfast also helps kids:

- be more active
- be more creative
- have better hand-eye coordination
- have better problem-solving skills
- meet daily nutritional requirements
- miss fewer days of school



SRC 2023:

We are well underway with our Student Representative Council for 2023. This year the SRC will be overseen by Sharon Pickering and Grace Gilbert. The past two weeks have been spent collecting nominations, students making speeches and voting. We are thrilled to announce our student representatives for 2023.

Year 3 – Scarlett C and Becky S
Year 4 – William H and Hannah T
Year 5 – Pearl M and Xavier J
Year 6 – Noah H and Emily H
Year 7 – Grace B and Jonas H
Year 8 – Cooper G and Finlay A
Year 9 – Sidney C and Phoebe H
Year 10 – Johnathan V and Max B
Year 11 – Alex C and Guessey O
Year 12 - Grace H and Sam B

The council this year will be led by our Year 12 Representatives, Grace and Sam. We look forward to fundraising and providing fun opportunities for all students to participate in.

NCD Swimming Sports

The NCD Swimming Sports will take place in St Arnaud on Monday 20th February. Students have nominated in homegroup if they intend to attend the excursion as a competitor or spectator and permission forms will be sent home by the end of the week. Due to the short time frame, can all families involved, please ensure the forms and payment is made in a timely manner. Students not attending are expected at school or NCTTC.

Physics in Action

Below are pictured Phoebe M and Carissa H working on their Physics investigation SAC.

Phoebe is investigating as to whether changing the mass and drop height of a ball affects the percentage change in rebound heights. Carissa has asked if changing the surface area and mass of an object affects the amount of force necessary to get it moving. This is the first SAC for Unit 3 VCE Physics this year. As well as developing their own investigation they have to complete a scientific report and a poster. They are also improving their technical skills in using Excel spreadsheets and various measuring tools.



Year 7 – 12 Sports House and Vice Captains

The following students were nominated and voted by their sports team members to be the leaders of their team.

	Male Captains	Female Captains
Wakooka	Alex C and Dylan L	Erin F and Grace H
Gungaroo	Sam B and Nick S	Carissa H and Eliza P
Maroochy	Tom P and Jett H	Akaisha A and Ella M

Year 7 – 12 House Swimming Sports

Last Friday, students in Years 7 – 12 took part in their House Swimming Sports. It was forecast to be a very hot day, but with lots of opportunities for a cool off in the pool and encouragement to keep reapplying sunscreen and drinking plenty of water we all enjoyed the social nature of the day together. A highlight of the day was watching our eager Year 7 students duck dive to collect coins in the coin scramble. It was fantastic to see so many participants wanting to be in the water polo, and whole team relay across the pool. The new event; surf board paddle was a hit and the lilo and wading events involving young and old are great team events with lots of team spirit. .

All students should be congratulated on their efforts. Thank you to the staff, non-swimming students and parents who helped out on the day, to ensure we successfully got through the program with time to spare, for a free time swim before the end of the school day. Special thanks to the parents, grandparents and friends of the school who came along to support the students. The day was concluded with the Year 12 and Staff race, which was extremely close, very entertaining and highly competitive as per usual.

Maroochy Captains were presented with the shield and they thanked the parents/grandparents who attended for their time and support, staff for planning and running the day, the pool staff and the students for participating to their best.

Year 7 – 12 Results: It will be interesting to see what the end result is after the F-6 swimming sports are held next week as there are not many points between first and second place.

1st Maroochy 305 points, 2nd Wakooka 287 points, 3rd Gungaroo 177 points.

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded Age Group Champion on the day.

<u>13 Years:</u>	Abby P (M)	Male: Finlay A (W)
<u>14 Years:</u>	Female: Bella Q (M)	Male: Owen B (M)
<u>15 Years:</u>	Female: Phoebe H (W)	Male: Luke B (M)
<u>16 Years:</u>	Female: Ella S (W)	Male: Lachlan H (W)
<u>17 Years:</u>	Female: Eliza P (G)	Male: Jett H (M)
<u>18-20 Years:</u>	Female: Phoebe M (W)	Male: Sam B (G)



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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

F/1	Kristie Y	For making a great start in Year 1!
Year 1/2	Tyler S	For fantastic reading.
	Kylah B	For always looking out for other people.
Year 3	Tyla H	For awesome work in Maths so far this term.
	Ava D	For doing her hardest in every task she is given.
	Indigo S	For her random acts of kindness and great start to 2023.
Year 4/5	Evan S	For having a wonderful start at BDS! We are so lucky to have you here.
	Sunny S	For investigating the properties of odd and even numbers.
Year 6	Tanner D	For working hard at solving subtraction sums
	Noah H	For his thoughtful ideas when explaining how his legs are his favourite body part.
	Archer L	For effectively using his spelling words in sentences
	Angel V	For writing a persuasive piece on why KFC is better than Maccas

Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).

Please take time to read our school's collection notice, found on our website www.boortds.vic.edu.au

We ask parents to also review the [guidance we provide](#) on how we use [Microsoft 365](#) safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Microsoft 365, please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#). This information is also available in ten community languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Dari
- Gujarati
- Mandarin
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese

Microsoft 365

Embed and support online collaboration between teachers and students with familiar Microsoft 365 tools



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DETAILS

Victorian government school students and teachers can collaborate anytime and anywhere with a suite of trusted, reliable tools.

Educational Use

Teachers can use:

- [Microsoft Word](#) to create documents
- [Microsoft PowerPoint](#) to create presentations
- [Microsoft Excel](#) to create spreadsheets
- [Microsoft Sway](#) as a digital storytelling tool
- [Microsoft One Note](#) as a digital notebook
- [Microsoft Forms](#) to create online surveys
- [Microsoft Teams](#) as an online learning environment
- [Microsoft OneNote Class Notebook](#) for collaboration

Join our [DET M365 Community Team here](#)

Supporting resources

[Follow the Microsoft 365 provider page](#) on Arc for updates on upcoming professional learning

Watch the latest Accessibility and Learning Support video series [here](#).

[Access recorded webinars here](#)

Upskill with professional learning courses for Microsoft 365 on [LinkedIn Learning](#) and the [Microsoft Education Centre](#)

Learn more about how to effectively use [Microsoft 365 in remote and flexible learning](#)

- [Teams Meetings Quick Guide.pdf \(479.87 Kb\)](#)
- [M365 School Action List.docx \(366.21 Kb\)](#)
- [Microsoft 365 parent guidance.pdf \(1.76 Mb\)](#)

APPENDIX A: SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS – INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

WHAT IS A SCHOOL COUNCIL AND WHAT DOES IT DO?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within state-wide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

WHO IS ON THE SCHOOL COUNCIL?

For most primary school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school
- A mandated elected DET employee category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members
- An optional Community member category – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

For all schools with a year 7 and above cohort, there is a fourth category of membership.

- A mandated elected Student category.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

WHY IS PARENT MEMBERSHIP SO IMPORTANT?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help inform and shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

DO I NEED SPECIAL EXPERIENCE TO BE ON SCHOOL COUNCIL?

Each member brings their own valuable life skills and knowledge to the role, councillors may need to develop skills and acquire knowledge in areas that are unfamiliar to them. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

HOW CAN YOU BECOME INVOLVED?

The most obvious way is to vote in the school council elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO TO STAND FOR ELECTION?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work, are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt via post or email following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

REMEMBER

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do.
- Consider standing for election to school council this year.
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the principal for further information.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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 our 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



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 0458353241.



**Tuning into Teens™
at headspace**

EMOTIONALLY INTELLIGENT PARENTING

A FREE six session parenting program for parents and carers of young people

Learn how to:

- Understand what they're going through at this stage in life
- Understand their emotions
- Manage conflict more effectively
- Communicate more effectively
- Create a closer more connected relationship
- Build on your skills as a parent.

Details:
When: Commencing Wednesday 22 February for six weeks
Where: Kerang Library (1-3pm) or headspace Swan Hill (5:30-7:30pm)
Register: headspace@shdh.org.au or 1800 975 115

headspace
National Youth Mental Health Foundation

Northern District Community Health
16-30 Fitzroy St, Kerang VIC



Bringing Up Great Kids

Date & Time:

Six sessions on Wednesdays
Wed 15th Feb - Wed 22nd March 23
10.30am – 12.30pm

Venue:

Northern District Community Health
16-30 Fitzroy St, Kerang VIC

Cost:

Free

Contact:

Wendy Ockers 50 363 200
wendy.ockers@anglicarevic.org.au

Overview

A parenting program for building good relationships with children. The Bringing Up Great Kids parent program is a fun 6-week group that focuses on how parents communicate with their children. It offers opportunities for parents to learn about how children understand and use messages from their parents in their own development. This parenting program combines a reflective mindfulness based approach to parenting with a focus on the emotional and developmental needs of children.

Program Content

The Bringing Up Great Kids program supports parents and carers to explore:

- Learn more about the origins of their own parenting style and how it can be more effective.
- Consider the relationship between a child's stage of neurological development and their behaviour.
- Identify important messages they want to convey to their child and how to achieve this.
- Understand the messages that children communicate to their parents and how they do this.
- Discover how to overcome some of the obstacles that are getting in the way of being the kind of parent they would like to be.
- Learn about the importance of building self-esteem in children.
- Discover ways for parents to take care of themselves and to find support when they need it.

