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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 with Integrity and Honesty



DIARY DATES

March

3rd BBQ Lunch & activities for all

3rd Shakes for Quakes

8th School Photos

9th NCD Triathlon

10th Whole School Assembly

13th Labour Day Holiday.

14th – 16th Otway's Camp

15th – 27th NAPLAN testing

28th Parent/Teacher Interviews

April

2nd – 5th Year 11 Work Experience

Principal's Report

School Council Elections

The nominations for School council close at 4pm today.

I will announce all successful applicants via email and in next week's newsletter. If there to be an election, ballot papers will be sent out via email.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Forward notice that the parent/teacher Interviews for this semester will take place on Tuesday 28th March between 1.15pm and 8pm (times may vary slightly). Students will not have classes that day but they will be expected to attend interviews. Interim reports will be issued before this day as will notices regarding booking of interview times. Interviews can be booked through Xuno.

Xuno

As a way to increase knowledge of families in using Xuno, I will run some information sessions on the Parent teacher day for anyone interested but I will also place small "How to..." pieces into the newsletter. All new families have been sent an information booklet.

Foundation Students

Due to our staggered start this year, today is the last Wednesday that Foundation students will be absent from school on a Wednesday. We look forward to seeing them every day from next week.

Shade Sails

You may have noticed some shade sails have been taken down. We are in the process of replacing our shade sails and this work will be done over the next few weeks.

Principal's Availability Next Week

Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
At School	At School	At School	At School	At School – School Photos

JOIN US

This Friday, 3rd March

1pm to 1.50pm

Free Sausage Sizzle

Come and join your kids for lunch, wander the school, play a few games and enjoy the BBQ sausages



Bushfire notice for BARR schools.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan and we constantly check for any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire. If there is to be a school closure parents will be notified the day before. Permission to close the school for a Catastrophic day needs to come from the Regional Director and will be given to the Principal no later than midday the day before. Bus Routes will also be closed.

What can parents do?

- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, by checking our website (www.boortds.vic.edu.au) and by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.
- Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.
- You can access more information about children's services closures on the Department of Education and Training website – see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>

For up-to-date information on this year's fire season, visit the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667.

Lee-Anne Sherwell
Principal

North Central District Triathlon

On Thursday, Boort will host the North Central District Triathlon. The events will begin with the **individual event at 10.15am** and then run the **team event at 11.30am**. Competitors from the 9 different North Central District will be in attendance. Members of the community are welcome to attend, although could everyone pay careful attention to the students out on the roads/streets when traveling in cars.

Student Update Forms

Last week, 'Student Update' forms were reissued to families who have not already completed one this year. Each year it is a requirement of the Education Department that this information be updated. If your child has brought a form home, can you please fill it in and return it to the school office and soon as possible. Thankyou.

NAPLAN 2023

NAPLAN testing at BDS will be held from Wednesday March 15th through to Monday March 27th (inclusive). Exemption forms are available for exceptional circumstances. Contact either myself (Carol White) or the School Office if you need a form for your child.
Carol White

School Photos 2023

Dear Parent / Carer,
School photos will be taken on Wednesday 8th March, starting a bit after 9.00am, with the F/1 class. All students are to be in full school uniform. All students received photo envelopes yesterday or today to take home. These must be returned to the school office regardless of whether you purchase photos, preferably prior to the week of the photos. Payments can be completed online or cash in the envelope.
Family photos can be arranged. Please pick up a family photo envelope from the office and return this to the school.
Please email me if you have any questions.
Tom Bleicher

Boort District P-12 School – PARENTS' CLUB BULB FUNDRAISER

Want a splash of colour in your garden this Spring time? The Parents' Club are running a Bulb Fundraiser; there are a lot of different varieties available, you can view the catalogue and order ONLINE by using the following link:
www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/BOORTSCHOOL

Your orders will be posted directly to you!!

Orders close ONLINE 6th April
(but some bulbs may sell quick).

PLEASE share with ALL FAMILY & FRIENDS that love gardening!

SHAKES FOR QUAKES

Friday 3rd March
Gold coin donation.
Money raised will support earthquake victims in Turkey.



An SRC Event

USSR Books

For many, many years, Boort District School has encouraged our students to read by having a daily, school-wide, silent reading session for 10 minutes after lunch. USSR stands for Uninterrupted, Sustained, Silent Reading.

Understandably, at times students forget to bring a book, and many of our teachers keep a selection of reading material in their classrooms for that reason. Late last year I received some funding, which the Parents' Club generously matched, and I was able to purchase \$1000 worth of books to go into classrooms to supplement the reading material available. It was a labour of love to choose books from many different genres and interest areas. Finally, all the books have arrived and they have been catalogued and covered (thank you Vikki and Val, our wonderful library staff), and they are ready to go into classrooms.

A selection of 4 or 5 brand new books will be available in each of the 7-12 classrooms. They are not designed to replace students having their own USSR book, but will be available for those who forget, or who wish to try something new.

Titles include:



And many more! Happy reading!

Sharon Pickering

Learning Specialist- Literacy

Scholastic Book Club Rewards.

Every purchase, made by parents through the Scholastic Book Club earns the school reward points. Opposite is a photo of the latest books we have been able to redeem with our accumulated points.



Canteen News

A request has come from the SRC to have hot lunches on a Wednesday all year. This is to be trialled for the remainder of the term.

Wednesday 8th March – Sweet chilli chicken wraps (\$6.00)
(Wrap, 2 chicken tenders, cheese, tomato, lettuce, Sweet Chilli or mayo)

Wednesday 15th March – Hamburgers \$6.00
(Bun, meat patty, lettuce, tomato, cheese and beetroot)

Wednesday 22nd March – Hot Potato \$6.00
(Potato, sour cream, coleslaw and cheese)

Wednesday 29th March – Spaghetti Bolognese \$6.00 (Gluten free available)

Wednesday 5th April – Hot Dog \$5.00 (Bun & Saveloy)

These options will be available through ordering in the current way.

As you all well know the price of food has increased dramatically and unfortunately this has caused the canteen to increase prices on nearly all items sold at the canteen. This will come into effect in the coming weeks. A new price list of all items will follow in upcoming newsletters.

Thanks Dawn.

Year 8 Outdoor Education Surf Coast Camp

Last week from Wednesday to Friday, the Year 8 OED class headed to Anglesea and Torquay for a Surf Coast Camp. Students participated in Surfing sessions, Stand up Paddle Boarding, water games at Point Roadknight, the sights of Bells Beach, night walks and games and concluded the camp with the adrenalin highs of the Adventure Park water rides. Below are some features from the students for each day of camp. Thank you to Mr Hatcher for coming with us on this camp and it was great to see Leanna Moresi join us on Thursday to encourage us whilst we paddle boarded.

Wednesday

Sam - On Wednesday we arrived at the Torquay campsite and went to the first surf lesson. It was a nice day for surfing. After surfing we went to the caravan park pool/spa and we met some guy that knew where Boort was!

Tristen -On Wednesday we set up our tents and put all of our gear in them and we went to our first surf lesson, which was a blast because there were big waves we could surf.

Near tea time the boys. Cooper, Jake, Deklan, Finlay, Samuel, Owen and I, met three guys in the spa and we were talking to them and we were laughing and having fun until it was time for tea.

Bella Q - On Wednesday night at about 9.00pm we headed off for a walk. When we arrived at a wooden park, Brooke told Natalie she is going to be the tagger for a game of King's Tiggy. I had Tristan and Laci trying to tag me. As I tried to run under a wooden bridge, I didn't duck down far enough and I hit my head. I had to go to emergency because I had split my head open with blood everywhere and had to get stitches.

Thursday

Sophie B - Second day of camp: Paddle boarding on the Anglesea River started at 10am and finished at 12. We had to make up time before our surf session at 4pm. We achieved that by going to buy some lunch and travelling to a few lookouts over Bells Beach. The surf session came to an end at 6pm. The waves were much better the first day. But overall it was a great experience. 100% recommend to take the opportunity of going on this camp if possible.

Cooper G - Everyone woke up around 6.30am, had breakfast and got ready for stand up paddle boarding. At 10 we arrived at the Anglesea River that we were paddle boarding at. We then got life jackets, grabbed our boards and got onto the water. I had lots of fun. Everyone did a good job of standing up and talking. At 4 we arrived at the beach for surfing. We got our wetsuits on and caught some waves. I got to stand up and do a couple 180s. We then had tea back at camp and went to bed.

Charlotte J - On Thursday, the second day of camp, we woke up and had breakfast, toast and/or cereal. We got ready to go stand up paddle boarding in Anglesea. I was scared to fall off but I didn't. Then we went to get some lunch, I got some chips and 2 potato cakes. After lunch we went surfing, I didn't expect to get up, but at least I got up on my knees. We went back to Torquay and ate tea (pizza), it was Cooper's birthday, so he got to pick a cake that we all enjoyed. We brushed our teeth and went to bed after.

Dalys T - On Thursday I had lots of fun because we went stand up paddle boarding and surfing, even though the waves were very weird. We also went to Belles beach and had a look at the beautiful view!

Friday

Owen - Some of the boys and I went for a run, they were too quick for me and I got lost because Hatch said go left but I didn't listen and went right. But it was fine, we found each other. Next, we headed to Adventure Park, we had a ball on the Tsunami and Tornado. It was very scary when you went backwards on the tube. We all were sad to leave but if we stayed any longer we would have died of exhaustion from a fun but tiring camp.

Jake O'F - Friday Morning, I went for a run with Hatch and the boys. We had a kick of the footy and walked back to the caravan park to pack up camp and go to Geelong to Adventure Park. I went on most of the slides and my two favourite ones were the Tornado and the Tsunami. Afterwards we got all our things and went to Maccas and KFC.

Natalie H - On Friday we all woke up at 7.00am and started to packup.

When we had all finished packing up we all went to the outdoor kitchen and had breakfast. Then we left to go to Adventure Park. While we were at Adventure park most of us all went onto the Tsunami and Tornado first. All of us had so much fun, we were sad to leave but we had been there for 4 hours.

Finlay A Friday Morning I went for a run with Mr Hatcher and some of the other boys and when we got back we packed up the tents and put all the bags in the back of the van.

We then drove to the Geelong adventure park and had an amazing time, my favourite ride was the Tornado. After Adventure Park we went to KFC and I got a zinger box then we hit the road and came home.



F-6 Swimming Sports

On Friday last week, students from Foundation to Year 6 participated in their annual swimming sports. It was a great day and students represented their house with excellent colour and enthusiasm.

The day started with the Year 4-6 Swimming Races with all students involved in swimming 25 or 50m of their chosen strokes. It was great to see so many students giving their best in a variety of strokes. By the end of the races, Maroochy had established a slight lead on both Wakooka and Gungaroo.

This year we presented Age Group Champion Awards for our race program. Congratulations to Pearl M, Connor Mc, Tarlin T, Victoria L, Indie G and Archer L for winning their respective age groups this year.



In the afternoon, all students joined for their activities program including relay events, floating mat races, cork scrambles and biggest splash contests. As always the enthusiasm and house cheering was on display and with some assistance from parents and staff in the water, all students had the opportunity to add vital points to their house tally.





By the end of the day, Gungaroo had finished first, followed by Maroochy then Wakooka. These points will prove valuable in the overall results across the school, which will be announced at our next school assembly. Congratulations to Angel V for winning the Team Spirit Award this year for her fantastic participation and support across the day.



A huge thank you to all staff, parents and guardians who came down and assisted throughout the day. Without their assistance the day would not be possible.
Hayden Rowley & April Hatcher

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



Boort District Health

WE WANT YOU!

ARE YOU 15 AND OVER?
JOIN OUR TEAM AT
BOORT DISTRICT HEALTH!

LOOKING FOR PART TIME/ CASUAL WORK OVER
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS?
WE HAVE VACANCIES IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- SUPPORT SERVICES - DOMESTIC & FOOD SERVICES
- ALLIED HEALTH

PLEASE CONTACT DONNA DOYLE, CEO
VIA EMAIL: DONNA.DOYLE@BDH.VIC.GOV.AU



MUSIC, FOOD TRUCKS & FUN @ NOLENS PARK
LICENCED EVENT - NO BYO

PROUDLY PRESENTED BY BOORT PRE-SCHOOL

Twilight Color Run

March 12

@ LITTLE LAKE BOORT

4pm registration & 4:30pm start
White T-shirt Recommended!!

ADULT \$20 & CHILD \$15 (ages 3-16)
or pre-register online to secure your colour run kit (limited numbers) & DISCOUNTED PRICES!!

www.trybooking.com/CCEZM



FREE TRAINING

YACVic Youth Participation 101 Training

PLUS DINNER PROVIDED

Wed 29th March 2023
5.00PM - 8.00PM
NDCH Kerang
24 FITROY ST, KERANG

This training is for anyone that works with young people. Including teachers, sports coaches, activity providers, and volunteers.

Register now:
<https://www.trybooking.com/CFVUJ>

What will you get out of the training?

- Discuss the fundamental benefits of youth engagement
- Provide support to embed the voice of young people within your physical activities
- Support to create empowering environments that enable children and young people to feel safe, welcome and confident to be active
- The chance to share good stories, and workshop any challenges you may currently be facing

FUTURE HEALTH **VicHealth** **YACVIC** Youth Affairs Council Victoria **NOCH**

Get Active Kids Voucher Program

APPLICATIONS OPEN NOW!



Find out more at
getactive.vic.gov.au



Get Active Kids voucher program now open |

Vic Gov is providing another round of sports vouchers of up to \$200 to support our youngest Victorians to purchase sports equipment, uniforms and membership fees.

It's all part of the Get Active Kids Voucher Program to get kids involved in sport.


But it's more than learning a new sport. It's about feeling connected to a community - and money shouldn't get in the way of that.

Did you know you can apply for a \$200 voucher if you have a child who is:

- aged 0 to 18 years
- a resident in Victoria
- named on a valid Australian Government Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- named on a valid Australian Government Medicare Card.

Apply for a voucher here:

<https://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers/>



Community Dinner

WITH SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER
DR ROB GORDON

THIS EVENT IS SOMETHING YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS. SINCE ASH WEDNESDAY, DR ROB GORDON HAS BEEN WORKING EXTENSIVELY IN THE FIELD OF DISASTER RECOVERY. HE HAS WORKED WITH PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES AFTER FLOODS, CYCLONES, FIRES AND OTHER EVENTS THROUGHOUT AUSTRALIA, PROVIDING SUPPORT AND INSIGHT INTO THE DIFFERENT WAYS WE MAY FIND OURSELVES THINKING AND FEELING AS WE NAVIGATE OUR POST-FLOOD RECOVERY.

PLUS PRESENTATIONS FROM
SALLY CUNNINGHAM, NATIONAL CENTRE FOR FARMER
HEALTH
AND RURAL FINANCIAL COUNSELLING SERVICE



Friday 3 March, 2023 – Boort Park
5.30 for 6pm start

THIS IS A FREE EVENT. REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL. FOR MORE DETAILS, SCAN THE QR CODE OR GET IN TOUCH.
JOSIE MCKINNON, COMMUNITY RECOVERY OFFICER, LODDON SHIRE COUNCIL: 0474 911 783