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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: Showing Tolerance and Respect for others

DIARY DATES

March

8th School Photos

9th NCD Triathlon

10th Whole School Assembly

10th F-6 Hockey Roadshow

13th Labour Day Holiday.

14th – 16th Otway's Camp

15th – 27th NAPLAN testing

22nd Finance/School Council

28th Parent/Teacher Interviews

29th House Cross Country

April

2nd – 5th Year 11 Work Experience

7th Good Friday - School Holiday

Principal's Report

School Council Elections

The extra nominations for the School Council election closed yesterday at 4pm.

Our final nominees are duly elected to Council for a term of two years:

Parent category – Doug Perryman and Brooke Arnold

Congratulations to these people and we welcome them to our Council.

Ill Students

As we approach the cooler months, knowing that illness can occur quickly, we ask families not to send students to school if they are ill as the possibility of transmitting germs is high and this will infect other students. Please be assured that if your child feels sick at

school we will contact you to let you know. More often than not we will ask if there is someone who can collect the child as resting at home is more beneficial than being in our sick-bay.

Use the RAT kits provided to test students.

If children tell you they want to come to school, even if they are sick, please keep them at home.

Working Bee

We are hoping to resume our working bees this year. We will do this from Term 2.

Personal Property

A note to everyone, any personal property brought to school (bikes, toys, phones, and digital devices) are not the responsibility of the school if they are damaged. Please advise students not to bring unnecessary equipment to school and to look after the items that do come here. Mobile phones should be left at home or, for students in Year 9 and above, left in lockers.

Public Holiday

A reminder to all families that next Monday is a public holiday (Labour Day) and as such there will be no school.

Lee-Anne Sherwell

Principal

Principal's Availability over the Next Week

Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
At School - Triathlon	At School	Public Holiday	At School	At School

Thanks for coming to the sausage sizzle last Friday.

What a great turn out from parents, grandparents and other family friends who came along and shared lunch with us.

I hope you enjoyed the activities and looking through the school.

Thanks to the SRC for their milkshake fundraiser.

Special thanks to Mr Lee and the VM boys for cooking the BBQ!

We will do it again later in the year.

School Buses

If you are needing your child to travel on a **different** school bus for any reason you need to notify the school office in writing a minimum of 3 days before travel so that all parties can be consulted and notified. If your student turns up to the bus without permission having been given by the school and by the parent/guardian (in written form), and the driver not being informed, then your child will not be permitted to travel.

Some buses are nearly full with daily travellers so your request may be refused on the grounds of no available seating.

Adrian Grogan

Bus Coordinator.

School Drop off and pick up.

The appropriate and safe way to drop off and pick up your children at school is to use Boort Park. We have had a number of families using the carpark at the Men's Shed and either doing U-turns into oncoming traffic or walking across the road while school buses are entering and/or leaving the bus zone.

This is a dangerous practice and is not teaching our children road safety.

In the interests of your child's safety and the safety of others, please do the right thing even if it takes a few moments longer.

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.

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

Did you know, if you read just one book a day with your child they will have read 1825 books by their fifth birthday?

Every day counts and every book counts.

Please take the time to remember to complete nightly readers with your child and sign the diary in the reader cover!

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 2 of Scholastic Book Club is now available. Orders for Issue 2 of Scholastic Book Club need to be completed by **Friday 17th March**. Please note that all orders need to be completed and paid for online. Payment cannot be accepted at Boort District School.



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!

SRC News

Engage! Leadership Training

Last Tuesday the SRC reps from Years 7-12 attended an Engage! Leadership training session run by Angela Poxon and Barb Bear from the LLEN. We learnt about the role an SRC can play in the school, how to run effective meetings, and ways to make changes in our school. We all came away with at least one idea that we could implement back at school.

Canteen

At our very first meeting we discussed possible changes or additions to the Canteen menu, which has led to hot food specials being added to the Term 1 menu. Gluten free and other allergy conscious options are also being investigated. The hot food specials are:

Wednesday 15th March: Hamburgers \$6.00

Wednesday 22nd March: Hot Potato \$6.00

Wednesday 29th March: Spaghetti Bolognese (gluten free option available) \$6.00

Wednesday 5th April: Hot Dog \$5.00

Shakes for Quakes



On Friday we held our first fundraising event for the year, raising money to provide Shelterboxes, through Rotary International, for victims of the earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria. We are joining with other schools across the region in this fundraiser, which has been initiated by Kerang Technical High School's Student Voice Team. We raised **\$342.50** and hope to add to this over the rest of the term. Thank you to all those who purchased a milkshake and/or donated to the cause. A big thank you to Dawn and Mrs Rees for their assistance.

SHELTERBOX – EMERGENCY AID FOR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS



SCHOOL CAPTAINS AND OUR COMMUNITY

At last Sunday's Boort Pacing Cup event, our school captains entertained the crowd by running a "Yabby Race". This was much appreciated by the Trotting Club and the young patrons on the day.



Fun in F/1!



We've been very excited about starting the year, and school in general – down in Silver 1 – with a busy first **month** including our swimming lessons in PE, spending some time with our Year 6 buddies and also our first sports day of the year – Swimming Sports!

Our Foundation students have met our first four Little Learners Love Literacy friends, **Milo the Monkey, Sally the Snake, Felix the Frog and Ally the Alligator**, who are teaching us our initial sounds! And Year 1 have begun the SMART Spelling program with the help of Mrs Featherby.

Thank goodness, Foundation have the first few Wednesdays off for resting in Term 1, these busy bees haven't stopped!

Miss Mac



Year 4/5/6 collaborative reading tasks.

Students are enjoying this week's reading group activities. Some tasks involved listening to taped stories, following instructions to create origami flowers and summarising new information from National Geographic books.



Reading Program

Year 8/9 English students have begun a program of reading with the F-3 students in the Silver building. Prior to visiting the junior classrooms, the 8/9 students have undertaken a series of training sessions, looking at phonics and how best to assist students who are still learning to read. Our first session was on Thursday with Ms Pickering's class visiting Miss Mac's F-1 Class. Both junior and senior students enjoyed the session, and here are some observations from the Year 8/9 students:

'I do think I did a good job reading because I practised the book beforehand...'

'I was scared at the beginning but I did good.'

'I did a good job at reading because I don't really like reading.'

'I got a bit stuck on a couple words, but I got there in the end.'

'I enjoyed today's reading session and thought that I did a pretty good job...'

'I think I was a great reader/teacher and did some great voices.'

'I would say I did a decent job. I didn't read too fast and made sure she was focusing.'

'I think I did a good job as I emphasised some words where needed, and stopped to point out important pictures.'



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Foundation/1	Casey G	For his excellent counting work.
	Juliette L	For her fantastic sentence writing and picture.
Year 1/2	Cruz N	For always trying his best.
	Kiarah Y	For always being kind to her classmates.
Year 3	Indigo S	For amazing work in maths and for helping everyone out in digital tech.
	Millie P	For her wonderful acts of kindness and wonderful story writing.
	Becky S	For writing her wonderful never ending story.
Year 4/5	Hayley S	For working hard to get her 'All About Me' completed. Well done on a fantastic presentation!
	Alisha H	For a wonderful presentation! You showed courage and confidence and should be very proud. Well done!
Year 6	Emily H	For her beautiful presentation to the class of her 'Marvellous Me' PowerPoint.
	Chelsea S	For completing her weekly Maths mate so early.
	Cleo V	For working effectively on her angles assignment.



Hookin2Hockey – at Boort District School

Hockey Victoria and North Central Hockey Association are visiting Boort District School and Pyramid College next Friday 10th March for Years F-6 to run their Hockey Roadshow. Participants will be introduced to hockey through simple skills and drills and fun games.

Boort Hockey Club will be starting their Hookin2Hockey (Minkey) program in the stadium from **3.45-4.30pm** each **Wednesday** from **March 15th**. Students from Foundation and up are welcome to join our free **“Come and Try”** session on Wednesday 15th March. Registration costs will be **\$40** for players wishing to continue. <https://www.hockey.org.au/hookin2hockey/> Choose Boort as your program when registering your child.

Sticks are available to borrow for the season with shin pads provided for new participants. All players must wear a mouthguard. Alternatively, a beginner's pack which includes stick, shinpads and ball can be purchased for \$40 through NCHA

<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/northcentralha/shop/>

For further information, please contact Kelly Henderson 0427280583.

We can't wait to see you at training!!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Boort Basketball News

The Basketball Victoria Under – 14 Country Skills Days are back!

Registration – <https://www.basketballvictoria.com.au/news/the-under-14-country-skills-days-are-back>

Held on Saturday 25th March and Sunday 26th March 2023 at 10 regional centres across Victoria, the Under-14 Country Skills Days are part of a development program for players of all abilities and standards from all associations located in regional Victoria.

The 2023 Under-14 Skills Day events will be held at Dromana, Drysdale, Bendigo, Bellarine, Hamilton, Korumburra, Cobblebank, Shepparton, Swan Hill, Traralgon and Wallan.

For more information contact Chris O'Flaherty.

BOORT DANCE GROUP

Dance lessons commence Monday, 20th March at Boort Memorial Hall. Please contact Karen Coutts on 0419445060 or email couttsbij@bigpond.com if you would like more information.

All abilities from age 3 and up, welcome to join our fun filled classes.

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

Get Active Kids voucher program now open |



Get Active Kids Voucher Program
APPLICATIONS OPEN NOW!

Find out more at getactive.vic.gov.au

VICTORIA State Government

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/>



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/CFVQJ>

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

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

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PRODUCED & PRESENTED BY BOORT HOCKEY CLUB

Twilight Color Run
March 12
@ LITTLE LAKE BOORT
4pm registration & 4:30pm start
Whites 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