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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

#### **April**

2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Year 11 Work Experience

**6<sup>th</sup> Bulb order closes**

6<sup>th</sup> Whole School Assembly

6<sup>th</sup> Term 1 ends 2.30pm

**24<sup>th</sup> Term Two Begins**

25<sup>th</sup> ANZAC Day Holiday.

#### **May**

12<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day Morning Tea

### **Principal's Report**

#### Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thanks to everyone who came along to the interviews last week. All teachers enjoyed talking to you and discussing the progress of all students. If anyone has any feedback they would like to give regarding face-to-face interviews for future sessions, please let me know.

#### Year 6 Easter Raffle

The Year 6 students and families have been busy collecting prizes for the Easter raffle. As we break up for the term on Thursday, we will draw the raffle at a special whole school assembly on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April. This will allow us time to arrange pick up or drop-off of prizes before the holiday starts.

### Emails

We would like to thank all parents who contact us via the XUNO portal. It is important that you know that you have a way to contact class teachers if you have questions. Rest assured that all emails will be answered but you will only receive those answers during school hours.

We appreciate your understanding of the need for a break from work over the weekends and holiday periods.

To see the full 'Email Protocol Policy', please go to our website: [www.boortds.vic.edu.au](http://www.boortds.vic.edu.au)

### Drop-off and pick-up of students

It is very pleasing to see so many people use the drop-off and pick-up zone down at the Stadium. This area is well used and works into our safety procedures.

We still have the occasional parent and student who walks between the buses to get quickly to a car on the other side of the road but this practice is pulled up if we catch it.

The hospital would also like to point out that crossing through their car park to access home or school can be quite dangerous also. It would work better for everyone if students walked along Kiniry Street and used the crossing.

### Staff Leave

We wish Mrs Rees a good break as she takes the first three weeks of Term 2 for long service leave.

During this time, if anyone has any queries regarding Wellbeing, please contact Liz Fagan at school. Liz will take over the Wellbeing role while Merryn is away.

### Last Day of Term and Assembly

The last day of term is Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April. We will hold a whole school assembly at around 2.15pm. We cordially invite you to attend.

Term 2 starts on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

# Have a happy and safe Easter

Lee- Anne Sherwell  
Principal

## How to read and send messages to teachers on Xuno

1. 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.
2. Your most recent conversation will load by default. All of your previous conversations are listed in the left pane and you can click on a name to view its contents or to continue the conversation. Your most recent conversations are shown at the top. If you're using a mobile device you can tap the down arrow in the top header bar, to view your list of previous conversations.
3. To start a new conversation, click on the plus icon in the left pane above your previous conversations, then choose a name from the list. On a mobile device you'll need to tap the down arrow in the top navigation bar, then click on the plus icon. Parents are able to send messages to all teachers and coordinators of their children, whereas students are only able to send messages to their current teachers and coordinators.
4. Type your message into the field at the bottom labelled New message.
5. You can also attach files by either dragging or dropping the file into the New message text area, or clicking the Attach button and selecting your file.
6. When you are ready to send the new message click on the Send button. Once a message has been sent you will not be able to stop it or delete a previously sent message.

## Bulb Orders Close Tomorrow



**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](http://www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/BOORTSCHOOL)

Your orders will be posted directly to you!!

Orders close ONLINE 6<sup>th</sup> April  
(but some bulbs may sell quick).

PLEASE share with ALL FAMILY & FRIENDS that love gardening!



BOORT DISTRICT SCHOOL PRESENTS

*Mother's Day  
Morning Tea*

**12<sup>th</sup>  
MAY**

11AM NEAR  
THE CANTEEN  
AREA

*Hosted by B.D.S Parents Club*

MOTHER'S, GRANDMOTHER'S & SPECIAL FRIENDS ALL WELCOME

SUPPORTED BY 

### Year 6 Easter Raffle

Sincere thanks to students and the Boort community for once again supporting our Year 6 fundraising activity. We have raised \$1,200.00

Special thanks to Karen Coutts for all of her efforts in 'building' all of our Easter baskets. Thanks to the many donations, we ended up with an amazing total of 24 prizes!!

An impressive effort!!!!

Thank you one and all.

## **Year One and Two – ADVENTURE BINGO**

Last Thursday Year One and Two students attended the launch of Adventure Bingo at Nolans Park, Boort. Along with Kate Lawrence from Healthy Loddon Campaspe we began the walk in Nolans Park and continued along until we got to the fish sculpture. As we walked along, we spotted lots of sites on the bingo card and marked them off. Some of the parts we marked off was the bowling club, a place to play, a duck and a fish. Some of the comments from our morning –

"Adventure Bingo was really good. We got to go outside and found stuff". Luca  
"I liked it because I liked walking around outside in the park". Hunter  
"I liked how we saw all of the things on the bingo card, it was fun" Jed



## **Reading Helpers**

A massive thankyou to our terrific parents who come in on Thursday afternoons to listen to our children read. The kids love to go up to the library and share their books with you all.



### **Calder Red Ball Tennis**

Last Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March, Year 5 and 6 students participated in the Calder Red Ball Tennis competition in Boort. Students competed in teams, playing a number of doubles matches throughout the day against students from Wedderburn, Charlton and Pyramid Hill. It was a great day and students represented Boort District School with excellent sportsmanship and enthusiasm. A big thank you to Mr Rowley, Mrs White and Miss Wilson for their assistance.

April Hatcher



### **Congratulations to all participants in the House Cross Country yesterday.**

Year 11/12 Female Champion: Ella M (15m.23) in a very tight finish with Isabelle H (15m.24s),

Year 11/12 Male Champion: Alex Co (21m.13s),

Year 9/10 Female Champion: Maddy L (15m.38s),

Year 9/10 Male Champion: Jack P (22m.36s),

Year 7/8 Female Champion: Abby P (16m.46s),

Year 7/8 Male Champion: Seth M (13m.49s),

Year 5/6 Female Champion: Victoria L (16m.05s) and

Year 5/6 Male Champion: Noah H (14m.21s).

These students will be formally acknowledged at the school assembly this week.



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### **Ambulance Victoria Visit**

As part of the Outdoor Education class this week, the Year 8 Outdoor Education class were fortunate to have members of Ambulance Victoria visit to explain and demonstrate CPR skills and how to use an AED. Students were broken into small groups and were able to practice their skills on manikins under their guidance. It was a great experience to use the ZOLL training manikin, which indicated to students if their depth and rate of compressions were efficient and this was definitely a great way to assist learning. Special thanks to Josh, the Loddon Paramedic Community Support Coordinator for giving up his time to travel to Boort to provide this vital life skill session. Thank you to Boort member Fiona Cockerell for her valuable knowledge and assistance on the day to provide this experience for the students. The class will continue focusing on first aid skills in Term 2, along with a bike education focus in preparation for the Granite bike ride and camp.

## Year 11 Work Experience and Melbourne Orientation

On Sunday, twenty of our Year 11 students headed to the ‘big smoke’ on the early morning train. Lunch was purchased at Southern Cross, a quick look at some shops of course, then getting familiar with metropolitan train schedules, myki cards and getting around different stations was the first big learning curve for many. We settled into Space Hotel and then were back on public transport, this time trams up to Melbourne Uni. Past students Darcie Chamberlain, Lance Malone and Fergus Bear kindly offered their time to showcase the university campus, different faculty buildings (Design and Business and Economics), where students were shown lecture halls that seat 300 all the way down to small tutorial classrooms for a handful of people. State of the art equipment and lots of interesting architectural designed spaces. Students were informed about university life, subjects, clubs and the very clear message was make the most of your university years, meet new people, join in and take up new opportunities to grow as a person. Lance and Fergus then gave us a tour of St Hilda’s and University College residences. A very special thank you to Darcie, Lance and Fergus as the familiar faces and engaging personal touches to their information was so valuable to our Year 11’s in assisting with future career paths. A scavenger hunt in small groups around the CBD using trams and trains and taking lots of interesting group photos was how the late hours of the afternoon was spent. Tea at Crown Food Court and then a trek back to our accommodation on very tired legs and some sore feet. An average of 22,000 steps were taken on the first day!

Monday students headed off to their workplaces and the nerves and excitement were evident. The PTV app and Google maps were widely used. With the assistance from staff and Angela Poxon NCLLEN to support students traveling on public transport from the wee hours of the morning all students successfully made it to work and had a positive day. The night activity was to be challenged in an Escape Room at either Melbourne Central or QV and by all accounts there were many laughs, a bit of frustration, but great group work to solve the clues. Students enjoyed an array of different food options between Little Lonsdale and Little Bourke Streets and then a walk through Chinatown to take in the array of smells and view the gorgeous coloured lanterns.

Here are some of the highlights or challenges students have experienced in just two days:

Alex Ch – One of my highlights from the first two days was the Escape Room at QV – ‘The Red Manor’.

Alby B – A challenge would be shoveling stones for 6 hours!

Lucy M – A challenge for me was not overthinking getting lost on my first day.

Alex Co – A highlight was being in the Escape Room at Melbourne Central ‘Shut Down’ with my mates figuring out how to crack the problem. A challenge for me has been not getting lost walking to find the group.

Ella M – My highlights are doing the activities after work with everyone together and seeing the little babies at work.

Jett H – My nerves initially in getting to the workplace on a tram and then a highlight realizing it is easy and feeling way more comfortable.

Isabelle H – A challenge was getting back from my workplace at Docklands. A highlight is getting time to shop after work.

Zak Mac - The Escape Room at Melbourne Central doing the ‘Old Haunt’ was good fun. A challenge is understanding the people I work with because of their strong accent.

Nick S – Over the last two days the Escape Room was one of the best things and visiting Chinatown at night. Also having coffee at the Williamstown beach with my employer

Tayla G – Taking public transport has been the stress for me and a challenge. Spending time with my mates.

Lily C – A challenge at work was the kids kept running away from us at the park and that had me worried. Eating out at the noodle house was amazing.

Kaitlin B – A challenge for me was to run around the CBD doing the scavenger hunt in a dress

Britney S – A challenge for me has been using public transport initially, but I feel much more confident now.

Dylan L – I did a lot of cleaning on my first day, which was fine, but there were times when I wasn’t busy and that was a challenge. A highlight was learning about how to solder electrical wires on my first day at work.

Eddie M – All of the food choices have been fantastic, but navigating public transport has been a challenge.

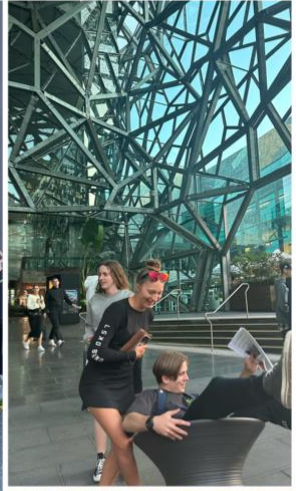
Jacob C-F- Traveling to Tullamarine to support Alex Co on Monday was both a challenge and a highlight!

Ryan O’F – It’s been challenging to navigate to get there on the first day as my phone kept changing direction and telling me to cross over the road!

Danica N – I enjoyed my very large bowl of noodle soup on Monday night.

Guessey O- I enjoyed the Escape Rooms with my group of Alex, Dylan, Jacob and Danica trying to figure out how to get out.

Eliza P – I have enjoyed working with a family friend and seeing all the cute baby toys at the workplace. It’s been a challenge working out the timing, so I’m not too early or late to work.



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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Boort Netball Club - Net Set Go 2023

NSG will commence Thursday 27th of April - Thursday 29th of June.

4-5pm at the netball courts for ages 5-10.

To register click on the link <https://registration-netball.squadi.com/appRegistrationForm>

Existing users login and new users will need to create an account, fill in or check the information is correct and make sure you are registering for NSG Boort 2023.

All participants must be registered before the 27th of April.

For further details please contact Sharlene Stringer on 0409 866253.

## Footy 4 Fun: Come and Try – North Central

When: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April

Time: 11:00am – 12:30pm

Where: Charlton Park, Calder Highway

To register: Go to the following website and select the North Central event when prompted

- <https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/ac8545>

**FREE FAMILY FUN TO KICK OFF EASTER!**

# CJ'S PUPPETS

**VENTRILOQUIST, SINGING & PUPPETS OF COURSE!**

**Good Friday  
Friday 7th April**

**11.15AM – 12.30PM**

**James Boyle Hall  
Nolen's Park, Boort**

The show is best enjoyed while sitting together on the floor. Minimal chairs at the back of the hall.

Something for all ages, children & adults.

**Guarantee entry by booking a ticket here**

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## COME & TRY FOOTY 4 FUN NORTH CENTRAL

**AFL play.afl**

Experience Australia's most loved sport through AFL Victoria's FREE Footy 4 Fun events delivered across Victoria! A footy experience full of fun activities, modified games & memorable moments to take home with you!

*Footy 4 Fun 'Come & Try' is an opportunity for kids aged 5-12 years to experience an introduction to the basics of football in through fun activities.*

**WHERE:**  
Charlton Park  
Calder HWY

**WHEN:**  
Thursday April 13th  
11:00am - 12:30pm

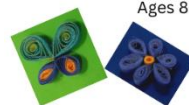
**REGISTER HERE!**

## GANNAWARRA LIBRARY SERVICE FREE HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

### Quilling (paper craft)

Kerang - Tuesday 11 April  
10.30am

Kerang - Monday 17 April  
10.30am  
Ages 8+



### Pendant and Earring Decorating

Kerang - Wednesday 19 April 10.30am  
School-aged children



### Minibeast Pegs

Kerang - Wednesday 12 April 2.30pm  
Cohuna - Tuesday 18 April 10.30am  
All ages



**Adults to accompany  
children**

**Bookings essential  
Phone - 5452 1546**



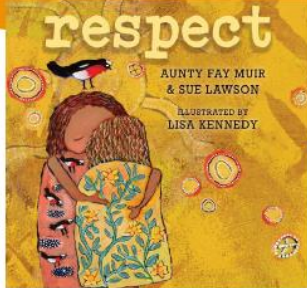


# Autumn Fun!

Library Agencies

## School Holiday Program

TUE 11-FRI 21 APRIL 2023



### StoryWalk®

Enjoy reading a children's picture book as you walk in the sunshine and fresh air!  
For young families.

#### RESPECT

Enjoy this beautiful story welcoming children to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nations culture. The delightful illustrations gently encourage us to respect others, our country and ourselves.

All ages.

TUE 11-FRI 21 APR

Start at AS Salter Memorial Park  
Little Lake Boort

The StoryWalk® project was created by Anna Fergusson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library.



### Bling Station

Add a bit of bling to your day at our drop-in bling station! Take on the pipe cleaner challenge and see what sparkly, wearable creations you can make.

Ages 4-12 years.

TUE 11 APR, 10.15-11AM  
Pyramid Hill Library Agency

WED 12 APR, 1.30-2.30PM  
Inglewood Library Agency

THU 13 APR, 10-11AM  
Dingee Library Agency




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## REX THEATRE

### APRIL COMING ATTRACTIONS

Movie Prices: General Admission \$12 Members \$10 VIP Members FREE



### FROZEN SING-A-LONG

PG Some scenes may scare younger children

102 mins Family | Musical

Sat 8 APRIL 8pm

Sun 9 APRIL 2pm

\*Tue 11 APRIL 2pm

No night screening Tues 11 April

Get your singing voices ready to join Anna, Elsa, Kristoff, Olaf and Sven as they leave Arendelle to travel to an ancient, autumn-bound forest of an enchanted land. They set out to find the origin of Elsa's powers in order to save their kingdom. *Come dressed as your favourite Frozen character*

*Come dressed as your favourite Frozen character*



CATH JAMMINEN AU BONNA KERTIE

LIVE ON STAGE

## Sass & Secrets

Whodunnit, Magic & Cabaret

Friday 14 April 8pm

Tickets \$30  
<https://events.humanitix.com/sass-secrets>



School Holiday Fun!

### KIDS MAGIC WORKSHOP

Saturday 15th April 10am

Tickets \$10