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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

RESILIENCE

DIARY DATES

August

3rd F-6 Calder Athletics – Charlton

4th 9am Whole School Assembly

7th Curriculum Day – **Pupil Free**

8th VCE/VET/VM Information night

9th Finance & School Council Meeting.

14th-18th Bogong

21st-25th Book Week

21st Year 12 Tertiary Information Evening.

25th Working Bee.

25th Book Week Dress up day.

September

1st Father's Day Breakfast

7th Parent Teacher Interviews.

Principal's Report

Prep '100 Days' Celebration

This Friday our Foundation class will celebrate their first 100 days at school. They will be recognised at our whole school assembly this week.

Moulin Rouge

Places are filling fast for the Moulin Rouge theatre excursion (set for Wednesday 6th September) for students in Years 7-12. Get your forms and deposit into the Office ASAP to reserve your place.

The F-6 students had a wonderful time going to see Mary Poppins earlier this year and we are now offering a similar trip to the older students.

Many thanks to Parents' Club for paying for the bus – a huge expense that is being covered for everyone.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

The next round of P-12 Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Thursday 7th September. Keep your eye out for more information

regarding booking times to speak with teachers. Please remember that there will be no classes taught on this day but students are expected to come along to the interviews with their parents. Interviews start just after 1pm.

Subject and Course Selection

On Tuesday 8th August at 7pm the information sessions for VCE, VET and Vocational Major for 2024 will take place. This is a very important and busy time of year where students think about what courses they would like to study at school during the next year. Parents are invited and encouraged to come along to this information session and talk to staff about selections. Information was sent home today with students. If you have not received it, please contact your Home Group teacher or Tom Bleicher.

Forward notice of dates

This term there will be a pupil-free day on:

Monday 7th August – Curriculum Day

Tuesday 8th August – VCE/VET/VM Information Night, 7pm, Room 21

Monday 21st – Friday 25th August – Book Week (Dress up parade on Friday 25th August, period 1)

Thursday 7th September – Parent/Teacher Interviews (students are expected to come to interviews and no classes run on this day)

Lee-Anne Sherwell
Principal

Principal's Availability over the Next Week

Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Principals' Conference - Bendigo	At School	Curriculum Day – Pupil Free Day	At School	At School

VCE / VCAL / VET Information and 2023 Subject Selection Night

On Tuesday 8th August, Boort District School will be holding an information night for students completing VCE (Victorian Certificate of Education) and VET (Vocational Education and Training) studies in 2024. This would include current Year 9 students, and all Year 10 and Year 11 students. The night will include the following:

6.30 Tour of school for parents and students – could parents who would like to take up this option, please email me on Thomas.bleicher@education.vic.gov.au prior to this day.

7.00 VCE and VET information in Classroom 21, including information on the VCE Vocational Major and the Pathways Certificate.

7.45 – 9.00 pm - Individual subject selection counselling information – VCE teachers, KLA (Key Learning Area) co-ordinators, Home Group teachers will be available to discuss possible course selections and NCTTC manager, Natasha Saunders and Angela Poxon, our Pathways and Headstart School Based Apprenticeship co-ordinator, will also be available.

Students have received handbooks and subject selection material today. There has been discussion within Home Groups about selection options and processes.

Initial selections by current Year 9, 10 and 11 students are due Monday 15th August. These initial selections will allow up to prepare a timetable that best fits student selections. Students will then be asked to select from the combination of subjects available. This will be completed during early September.

We look forward to seeing as many students and parents on this night as possible. It is always an exciting time of the year. We encourage both students and parents to be as informed as possible regarding options that are available in 2024. We look forward to seeing you in Room 21 and the Grey Building on this evening,

Tom Bleicher
Assistant Principal

Year 12 Tertiary Information Evening

On Monday 21st August the school will be conducting an information session for Year 12 students and parents/guardians in relation to leaving school. The session will involve an outline of VTAC (Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre) application procedures, how to accept and enrol in a course, scholarships, special entry access schemes, accommodation and other factors relating to living away from home, exams, ATAR scores and discussion of important dates.

Following this there will be the opportunity for parents / guardians and students to ask any questions they may have. Angela Poxon, our Pathways Coordinator, will be in attendance to offer assistance.

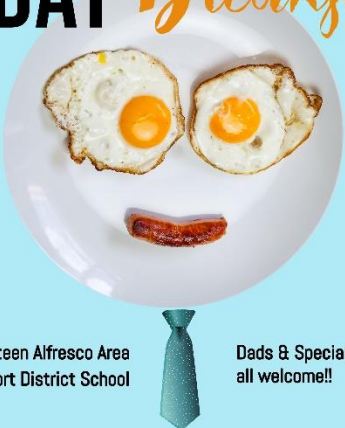
TIME: 7.30pm
VENUE: Room 21, Boort District School

Drew Crilly
Careers Coordinator

Peter Nickless
VCE Coordinator

BDS PARENTS' CLUB proudly present

FATHERS' DAY Breakfast



Canteen Alfresco Area
Boort District School

Dads & Special Friends
all welcome!!

LODDON
VIC

FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER from 8am



Wanted Eggs

If anyone has some spare eggs and would like to donate them to Parent's Club for the Father's Day breakfast on Friday 1st September, please let Kelly know on 0427 2805 83, thank you!

Boort District School Parent's Club!!

1st September 2023



2023 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey: Sample text for school newsletter

WE WANT OUR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS/GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents/caregivers/guardians think of our school. The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All families are invited to participate in the survey.

The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from **Monday 7 August to Friday 8 September 2023.**

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

Survey results will be communicated to parents/caregivers/guardians through annual reporting.

All information for accessing the survey will be sent out via email next week. We look forward to hearing from you.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Foundation/1	Juliette	For her fantastic reading progress.
	Emma	For her fantastic reading progress.
Year 1/2	Nadia	For an awesome Writer's Notebook entry.
	Tyler	For great counting by 2s, 4s, 6s and 8s.
	Dahli	For always being patient and fairly taking turns
	Emmanuel	For being a kind and patient partner during Digital Tech and for his creative solutions to problems.
Year 3	Becky	For always giving 110% to everything she does
	Joan	For his great start in our class.
	Scarlett	For her warm and friendly greetings every morning.
Year 4/5	Sunny	For asking interesting questions during our Coliban Water incursion.
	Victoria	For a fantastic start on her perimeter assignment.
	Xavier	For having a fantastic week. Your enthusiasm for our Integrated Studies assignment is great to see.
Year 6	Jason	For the effort he put in to his drawings for his picture story book.
	Chelsea	For her interest and enthusiasm shown towards our study on Gold.
	Archer	For working super well with Mrs K.

Working Bee

The Term 3 Working Bee will be held on Friday 25th August. Please stay tuned for more information.

Working Bee List Term 3 2023

ARNOLD, MR K & MRS B	MACINTOSH, Mr T & MRS S
BEAR, MR G & MRS J	MALONE, MR G & MRS N
BEATTIE, MR C & MRS L	MALONE, MR M & MRS N
BISHOP, MS J	PERRYMAN, MR D & MRS T
BOYD, MR G & MRS T	POTTER, MR D & MRS K
CAINE, MR C & MRS F	RITCHIE, MR K & MRS C
GAWNE, MR A & MRS R	RITCHIE, MS K
HALL, MR M & MRS F	SCOTT, MR C & MRS J
HAW, MR B & MRS K	TALBOT, MR R & PICKERING MS S
HOCKING, MR N & MRS M	TOOSE, MR V & MR T
LANYON, MR J & MRS F	TRINCHI, MR J
LEE, MR B & MS J	VERNON, MR J & MRS N
LEERSON, MR G & MRS L	



Unit 2 Outdoor Environmental Studies

On Monday, the OES students travelled to the Mallee environments of Lake Tyrell and Wyperfeld National Park. Students visited the updated visitor area at Lake Tyrell, climbed gigantic salt piles and lounged in the 'new' sky lounge chairs built for star gazing and night photography. At Wyperfeld students walked a 9km sand dune and lake bed loop immersing themselves in the arid Mallee environment. The highlight of the day though was boogie boarding down the sand dunes at Snowdrift Campground. There were plenty of spills and thrills as the students hurtled to the bottom after a run up from the top. Some definitely returned with sand up their nose and in their ears. A fun day was had by all.

University of Divinity – Study a Bachelor of Counselling

Ranked the #1 university in Australia for student experience (according to QILT 2022 SES National Report), the University of Divinity invites you to consider [studying a Bachelor of Counselling](#) in Melbourne in 2024.

Open Day season. Are any of you thinking of a career in creative food experiences, unforgettable getaways or amazing events? William Angliss Institute is the industry-recognised specialist trainer for foods, tourism, hospitality and events. Explore study options, from certificates to degrees, and the incredible facilities at Open Day. [Find out more and register.](#)

Check out all the other upcoming Open Day events here: <https://myfuture.edu.au/assist-others/open-days>

Please do reach out if you would like to know more about myfuture, Australia's national career information service.
Kind regards,

Cathy Danaher

Stakeholder and Partnerships Coordinator | myfuture | Careers



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COMMUNITY NEWS



Media Release:

Friday, 28 July 2023

Join the Couch Surfing Challenge and Make a Difference During Homelessness Week!

As part of Homelessness Week, Northern District Community Health, Gannawarra Shire and the Buloke Shire are proud to announce the launch of the Couch Surfing Challenge, an innovative fundraising event aimed at raising awareness and support for individuals experiencing homelessness in our community. This initiative encourages participants to sleep on their couches for a night, on Wednesday 9th of August to gain insight into the challenges faced by those without a place to call home while raising crucial funds to make a difference.

To bring an artistic touch to this meaningful event, NDCH Youth Health Promotion Coordinator, Matt, and Youth Program Assistant, Molly, joined forces with renowned Street Artist, Lukas Kasper, and students from Boort District School and Pyramid Hill College to create stunningly painted couches. These vibrant masterpieces will be showcased across Buloke, Loddon, and Gannawarra Shires during Homelessness Awareness Week from August 7th to 13th.

Anna Beamish, NDCH Specialist Homelessness Service is passionate about making a difference and will be taking part in the Couch Surfing Challenge. 'Getting involved is simple, you can register via the Northern District Community Health Facebook page' said Mrs Beamish.

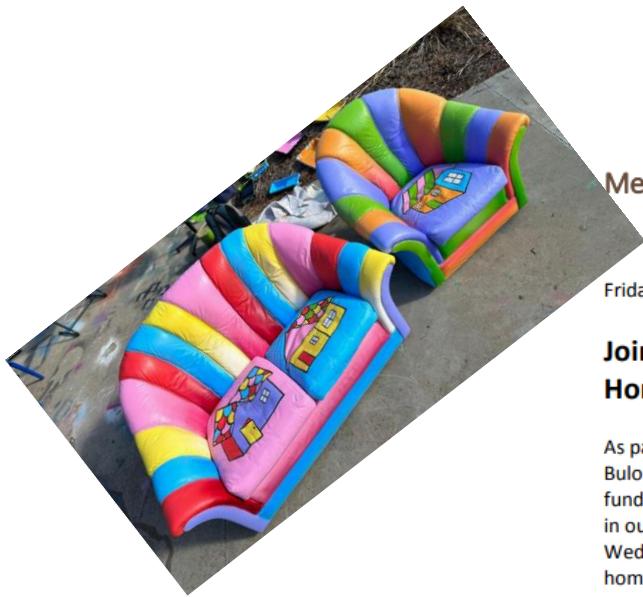
"The couch surfing challenge is an easy way to involve yourself and to experience the growing issue of insecure housing and homelessness. We will raise awareness about the challenges faced by homeless individuals, foster empathy, and promote understanding within the community, she said.

For more information and to register for the Couch Surfing Challenge, please visit the Northern District Community Health (NDCH) Facebook page.

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Media Enquiries

Anna Beamish, Specialist Homelessness Service - (03) 5451 0200.



Media Release:



WILL YOU COUCH SURF ON WED 9 AUG TO HELP **break** THE CYCLE OF HOMELESSNESS?

- 1 NDCH, Buloke Shire and Gannawarra Shire challenges you to give up your bed and sleep on the couch for one night. Increase your challenge: go without your pillow, doona or sleep on the floor.

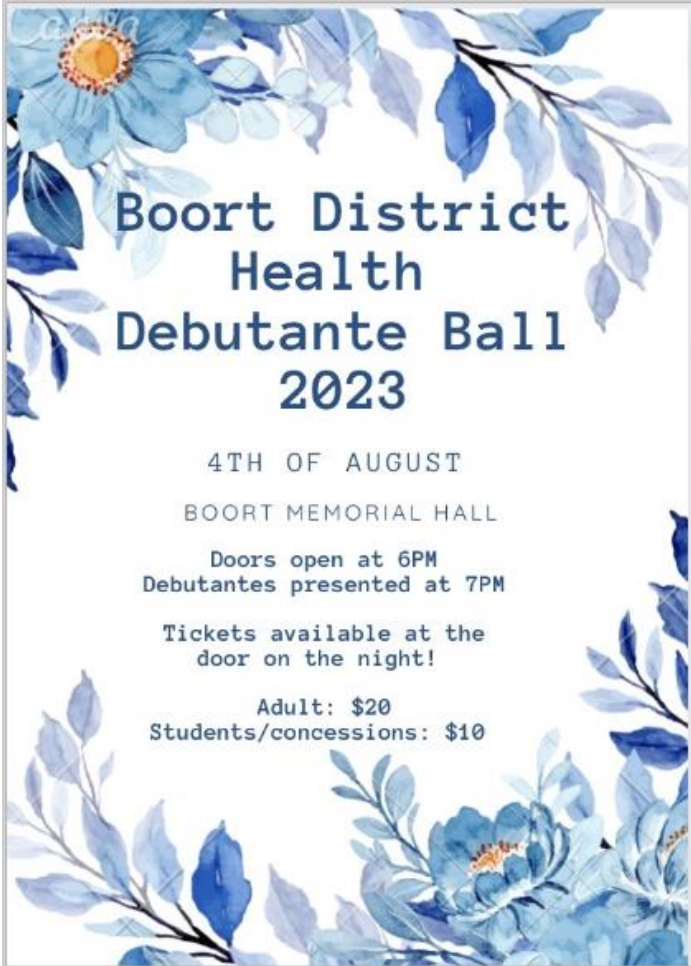
Register and/or donate here


- 2 Spread the word by sharing this post. Educate your friends, family & workmates about the issue of homelessness and encourage them to get involved and help break the cycle of homelessness.
- 3 Share a selfie of your couch setup on Wed 9 Aug and tag @ndch

Bronze level- \$0
 Silver level- \$10
 Gold level- \$50

All money raised will go towards purchasing sleeping bags and tents for people at risk of experiencing homelessness.

THIS CAMPAIGN IS PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY:

Boort District Health Debutante Ball 2023

4TH OF AUGUST
 BOORT MEMORIAL HALL

Doors open at 6PM
 Debutantes presented at 7PM

Tickets available at the door on the night!

Adult: \$20
 Students/concessions: \$10

REX THEATRE
 30-34 High St Charlton 3526
 T: 03 5491 2333
 boxoffice@rextheatre.org.au
 www.rextheatre.org.au

Crow Kid

by Lemony S Puppet Theatre



Presented through shadow puppetry, Crow Kid is a heart-warming tale for children about resilience, connection and the healing power of friendship.

Come along to the workshop, make your own puppet and learn all about shadow puppetry unplugged.

COMING Live
Tuesday
19 September

Workshop | 10am
 Show | 2pm

Tickets:
 Workshop: \$10
 Show: \$15
 Family (show): \$40
 (2 children + 1 adult) save \$5

(Workshop: 90 mins | Show: 45 mins)

Bookings: <https://events.humanitix.com/crow-kid>

This project is supported by Regional Arts Victoria and Creative Victoria and was commissioned by Maroondah City Council and premiered in ArtSpace at Realm, Ringwood, Victoria



BOORT-YANDO CRICKET CLUB INC

Expression of Interest for 2023/24 Season

Boort Yando Cricket Club are seeking junior players (GIRLS ARE WARMLY WELCOMED) for the 2023/24 cricket season. We are aiming to field an Under 13 and Under 17 team this season.

- 1. U13 competition** - boys need to be under 13 as of **31st August 2023** and girls can be under 14 as of 31/08/23. We can have 2 overage players in the team
Boort-Yando are a member of the Northern District Cricket Association with Cohuna, Kerang, Barham, Koondrook, and Murrabit. The competition occurs on Saturday mornings between 9am and 11.30am and most games are 2 day matches, batting one week and fielding the other.

PLEASE NOTE WE ARE SEEKING EOI FOR A COACH ALSO. IF INTERESTED IN THIS POSITION PLEASE CONTACT AL KNIGHT OR KIM.

- 2. U17 COMPETITION** – players need to be under 17 as of **1st October 2023**
The competition occurs on Saturday mornings between 8.30am and 12pm and is a part of the Upper Loddon Cricket Association with Kingower, Arnold, Bridgewater and Wedderburn. Games are both 1 day and 2 day matches.
PLEASE NOTE WE ARE SEEKING EOI FOR A COACH ALSO. IF INTERESTED IN THIS POSITION PLEASE CONTACT AL KNIGHT OR KIM.

If you are interested in being a part of either junior cricket team please complete the below form and email to boortyandocc1@gmail by **Sunday 13th of August**, so we can determine if we have the numbers to enter a team in both competitions.

For further information please contact [Kim Potter \(0447 554 203\)](tel:0447554203) or [Al Knight \(0447 652 751\)](tel:0447652751)

Boort-Yando Cricket Club Junior Expression of Interest

Player Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parent Name: _____ Contact No.: _____

Email: _____

Parent Signature: _____