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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

August

9th Finance & School Council Meeting.

11th Skate board session Yr 7 – Yr 12

14th NCTTC Yr 8 & 9 Transition

14th-18th Bogong

21st-25th Book Week

21st Year 12 Tertiary Information Evening.

23rd Visiting Author

25th Working Bee.

25th Book Week Dress up day.

September

1st Father's Day Breakfast

7th Parent Teacher Interviews.

Principal's Report

Information Evenings

Thanks to those families and students who came along to the VCE/VET/VM meeting held last night. Thanks to Tom Bleicher and Peter Nickless for running the session and to all staff who came along to support decision making for students.

All subject selection forms are due in to Home Group teachers next Monday.

Sports

The NCD Athletics and the Calder Sports were held in Charlton last week. Some lovely weather saw our students have a great day either participating or supporting others. Many thanks to all the staff who went along to supervise or run the activities.

Transition

Our transition programme for the New Prep students and the Pyramid Hill students has started with visits to the Kindergarten by the current

Foundation class and a visit to Pyramid Hill by Mr Bleicher last Friday to talk to their Year 10 students. Further visits and discussions will occur as the term progresses.

Lee-Anne Sherwell Principal

Principal's Availability over the Next Week

Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
At School	At School	At School	At School	At School

How to complete the Parent/Carer/Guardian survey

When parents/caregivers/guardians access the survey link, you will be prompted to select your school and will then be required to enter a PIN in order to start the survey. The survey link and PIN are below:

<https://www.orima.com.au/parent>

School PIN – 365210

The survey is now open and closes on September 8th.

NAPLAN Congratulations

Each year the Department of Education recognise those Year 9 students who have done exceptionally well in NAPLAN, with certificates of commendation. This year two of our students have received certificates.

Congratulations to:

Eliana Haw – Reading

Sid Caine – Reading and Numeracy

Both Eliana and Sid were presented with their certificates at the whole school assembly last week.

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

VCE / VET Subject Selections

Thank you to all who attended our information and counselling evening on Tuesday. I urge all of our Year 9-11 students to continue to seek advice and make some initial decisions by returning their selection sheets to Home Group teachers on Friday of this week or next Monday. This will then give the school ample time to plan for staffing and subject choices for 2024.

Tom Bleicher

**Canteen Monday 14th
Hot food as normal but No Sandwiches or Rolls**

2023 Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey:



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.



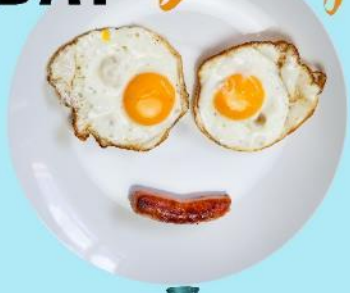
Wanted Eggs
 If anyone has some spare eggs and would like to donate them to Parent's Club for the Father's Day breakfast on Friday 1st September, please let Kelly know on 0427 2805 83, thank you!

Boort District School Parent's Club!!

1st September 2023

BDS PARENTS' CLUB proudly present

FATHERS' DAY Breakfast



Canteen Alfresco Area
Boort District School

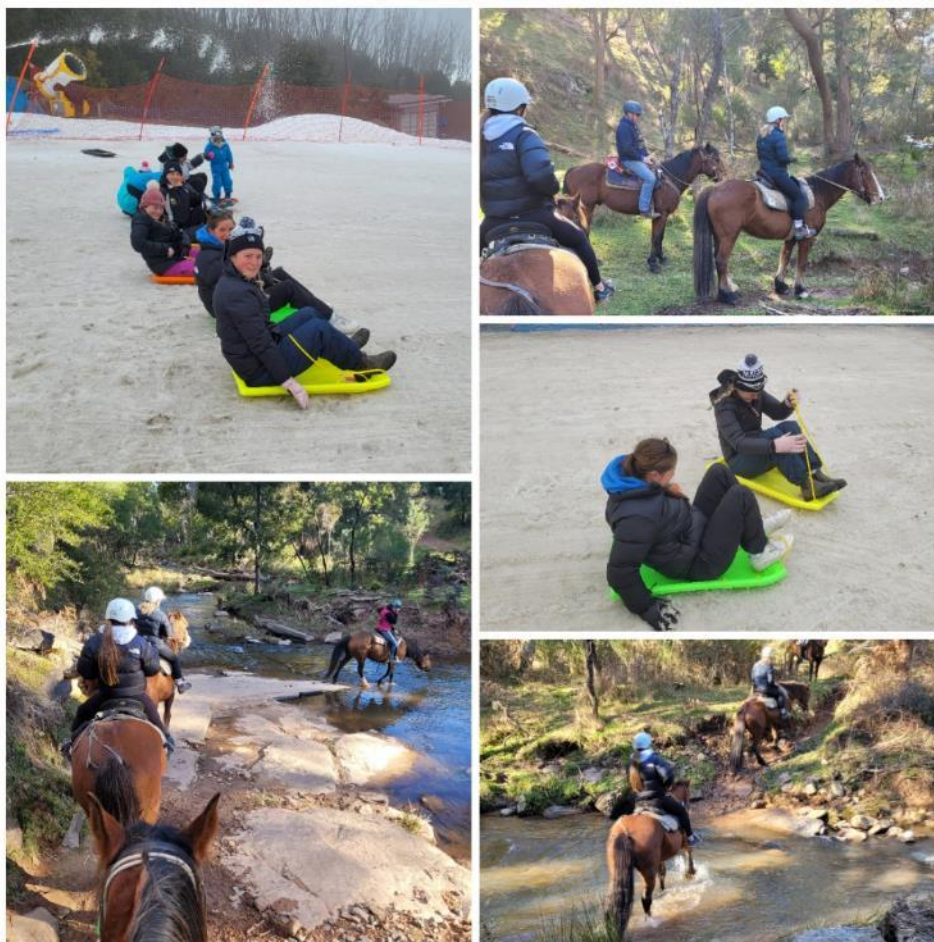
Dads & Special Friends all welcome!!

FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER from 8am

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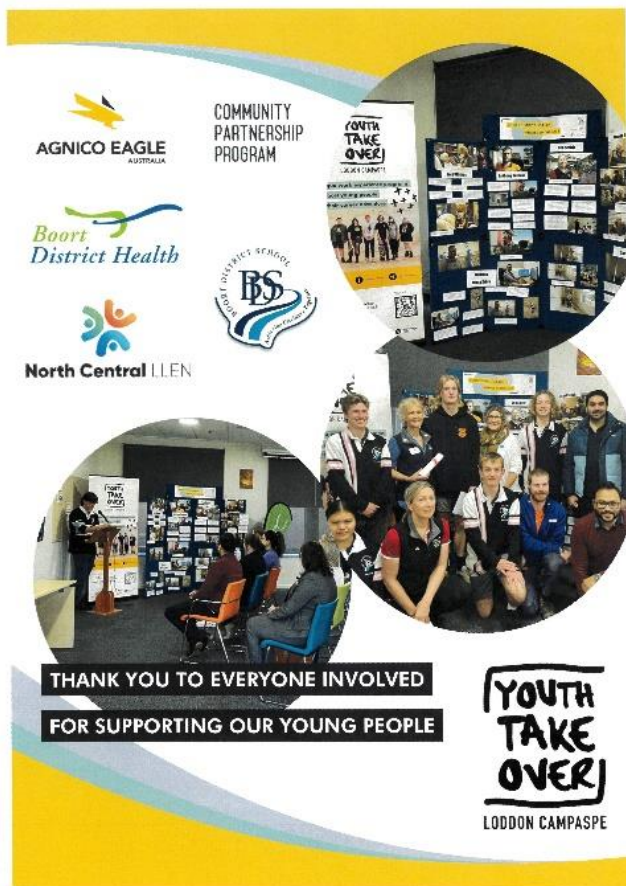
OE4 Merrijig and Lake Mountain Camp

Two weeks ago, students from Year 12 Outdoor & Environmental Studies attended a camp to the Victorian High Country. We first travelled to Merrijig to take part in a Horse Trail Ride with Mountain Valley Trail Rides and the McCormack family, a 7-generation alpine grazing family. This was a great opportunity for students to experience horse riding including creek crossings, steep rocky slopes and muddy trails which the students loved. We also had the chance to speak with current members of the Mountain Cattleman's Association of Victoria about the Alpine Grazing conflict of the mid-2000's and the current issues that exist around the area in land management. After this we travelled to Taggerty to stay the night and prepare for the next day that involved tobogganing and snow play at Lake Mountain. Though the snow levels were low, students had a fun time on the slope. The location also enabled students to experience an Alpine environment and learn about the effects of climate change on this environment, as well as see some of the management strategies that are being implemented to reduce impacts on the environment.



Showcasing Our Health Sector Heroes

Last Wednesday, saw the culmination of our Youth Takeover work with Boort District Health. Across last term, Vocational Major students were integrated into the working lives of a number of BDH employees. Students were able to develop biographies of these employees and review a range of signage within the workplace. With the co-ordination of the LLEN, students were exposed to a range of professionals that assisted in creating a video that BDS will use to advertise future employment opportunities. We thank Donna, Mubarak and the staff at BDH for their time and willingness to work with our young people in order to complete their Vocational Major outcomes in a workplace setting. The co-ordination of the project through the LLEN with Ryan, Pam, Manue, Molly and others has contributed significantly to the success of the project. The final celebration, including Braedon's MC role, Josephine's reading of her biography, Austin's lunch offerings and many interested onlookers, was an excellent way to finish!



CALDER ATHLETICS

On a fantastic winter's day at Charlton our F-6 students took part in the annual Calder Athletics Carnival. It is always a great opportunity for students to demonstrate their skills in athletics running, jumping and throwing and this year was no different with our students doing an amazing job. All students competed to the best of their abilities and did their best across the day, including for our Age Group Relays, where Boort DS managed to win the shield for most relay points. We had lots of excellent performances with several students getting close to perfect scores. These results all came together for us to finish equal second overall in the aggregate competition. Well done to everyone who attended. A big thank you to all the parents who came over to support our students as well as the staff who helped out with the running of the day.



H2.2 Yung Balug Museum Visit

Students from H2.2 Colonial History class recently visited Paul and Cathie Haw's Temporary Keeping Place, "Yung Balug" Museum on the outskirts of Boort. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to learn about the Dja Dja Wurrung of the area as well as see and feel some of the artefacts of our first nation people including grinding stones, spears, stone axes and baskets.

Below are some of the comments made by students upon our return.

"In Colonial Australia, we went to visit Paul Haw's aboriginal artefact museum to learn about aboriginal history and tools. It was quite interesting seeing all the really old things and hearing about how everything is used and the different stories". - Sophie

"We went to Paul Haw's museum. I loved learning about all the spears and equipment. It was good fun". - Cooper

"We went to Paul Haw's aboriginal museum and it was very interesting to look at all of the tools and weapons that he had". - Finlay

"I really enjoyed going to the museum at Paul's house. I like learning about all the different things they did, how they made their tools, what tools they used and how they survived back then". - Jake

"We learnt many things about the Dja Dja Wurrung people and how they made things. Seeing things that they used to hunt animals and make their food and how they lived on the land". - Bella

"It was very interesting to learn about the Dja Dja Wurrung people that lived in Boort. I learnt many things and one of the things that I found interesting was how the scar trees are over 300 years old". - Natalie



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	

100 Days of Foundation



On Friday 4th August, the Foundation kids in our F/1 class were very excited to finally reach their first 100 days of school. Throughout the week, we did lots of counting activities in our classroom, and we spent some time with Mrs Rees Home Eco class doing some 'ck' sound related counting activities.

We were a bit light on for our Friday celebrations, with last week being so action-packed with sports and the Deb and some unfortunately timed illnesses, but those of us who were here had a blast – and we're all looking forward to the many hundreds more school days to come!

Miss Mac



COMMUNITY NEWS

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:



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Crow Kid

by Lemony 5 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



Knowing Your Teen

Parenting teenagers is not easy, it requires creativity, determination, and patience! It is a tough phase for everybody, but you are not alone.

Join other parents and carers in this workshop that aims to provide information, improve understanding, and explore strategies that focus on the strengths and challenges of this stage of development.

✓ Strategies

✓ Problem Solving

✓ Growth

Workshop Details:

Date: Monday 28th August 2023

Time: 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Location: Sir John Gorton Library, Kerang

This is a FREE single session workshop only.

Delivered by CatholicCare's Regional Parenting Team

Early registration is recommended.

Refreshments will be provided.

RSVP to:

Sir John Gorton Library, Kerang
Phone: 03 5452 1546

Hosted by:



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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: _____