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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: Thinking Creatively and Independently

DIARY DATES

August

21st-25th Book Week

21st Year 12 Tertiary Information Evening.

23rd Visiting Author

25th Working Bee.

25th Book Week Dress up day.

30th Year 7-12 Subject counselling

September

1st Father's Day Breakfast

7th Parent Teacher Interviews.

Principal's Report

Visiting Author

On Wednesday 23rd August, as part of book week, we will host a visiting author at school who will work with students creating written pieces. Thanks to Sharon Pickering for organising this event. More information coming.

Parent/Teacher Interviews and Interim Reports

Parent/teacher interviews on **Thursday 7th September** will start at 1.00pm and finish at 7.45pm (with breaks for staff in between).

Interviews will be done in person, at school – more information on how to book interviews will be forthcoming with interim

reports. Bookings will be done through Xuno.

Interim reports will be sent home via email around the 31st August. Look out for them.

Facebook

Our Facebook group has information and celebrations about student achievement. If you are not a member of this group, please send a friend request to Boort District School Official Page. This group is only available to parents/carers of BDS. Membership is by request only and all content is overseen by school administrators.

Working bee

Our first working bee will be held this Friday 25th August from 3.30pm until 5.00pm. Please come along and join us as we beautify our school grounds and buildings. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome to come along and help out, even if you are not on the roster. A list of jobs will be on the newsletter next week.

Parent/Carer Opinion Survey

Once again, the Department is asking for your feedback on our school. Unfortunately, this year all surveys are online so I cannot offer prizes as I have no way of knowing who has submitted a survey. Surveys close on Friday 8th September.

However, links are provided here for all families which will allow you to jump online and answer questions – hard to do when you have more than one student at school as it is difficult to answer questions when all

may have a different experience. Whatever your responses, we appreciate the time you put into doing the survey.

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

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

Our school's PIN is: 365210

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 – Visiting Author

PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS:

Reminder:

If you have indicated to pay the Parent Payments by instalments we would like the payments finalised by end of this term 15th September, 2023, if possible.

Boort District School works in close partnership with parents and the broader school community to provide the best educational opportunities and outcomes for students both inside and outside the classroom.

Through this partnership, parents understand that the contribution they make to their children's education, in all its various forms, has an important role in enriching our school's learning and teaching program and improving educational outcomes.

The commitment from parents to contribute, benefits students and results in improved achievement outcomes, wellbeing and engagement in learning.

This is why parent contribution is highly valued.

Further details are also available on our website [http:// www.boortds.vic.gov.au](http://www.boortds.vic.gov.au), Xuno / or you can contact the school office - 5455 2201, if you have any queries.

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

2023 Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey:



Department
of Education

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.

Boort District School Book Week

Book Fair, Author visit and Dress-Up Parade.

It's about books. It's about your children. It's about fun! It's our **Scholastic Book Fair** — a special time for our entire school community, being held at Boort District School from Monday 21st- Friday 25th from 8.30am to 4pm.

Students will have an opportunity to make out a wish list, these will come home during the week, please see details of how payment can be made online. Don't forget to fill out the back of the 'My Wish List' form and return it to the school office. Or you're welcome to pop into the Library and browse the books for yourself.

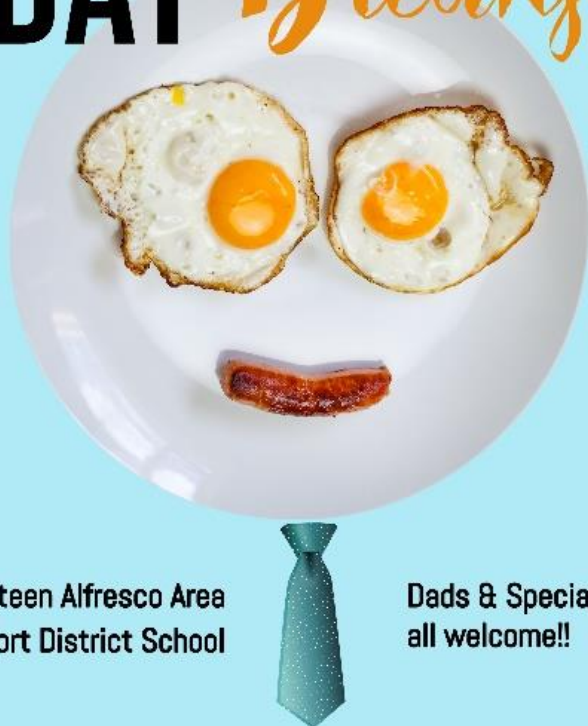
Prices for pens and rubber range between \$2 and \$8 dollars, books begin at \$8

Please plan now to attend our Book Parade on Friday the 25th, at 9.15am. You'll be glad you did! It's a perfect time to explore the affordable books in the Library. A portion of the sales benefits our school directly.



BDS PARENTS' CLUB proudly present

FATHERS' DAY Breakfast



Canteen Alfresco Area
Boort District School

Dads & Special Friends
all welcome!!

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

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	

COMMUNITY NEWS



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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Crow Kid

by Lemoy S Puppet Theatre



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





ENVIRONMENTAL
VOLUNTEERING SURVEY
(12-29 YEAR OLD ONLY)



"HELP THE ENVIRONMENT & GET A \$20 GIFT VOUCHER"

We have 50 gift vouchers to giveaway!

The Gannawarra Environmental Volunteering Project is supported by the Victorian Government through the Environmental Volunteering New Growth Project.




Survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XSSB2PT>