



Boort District P - 12 School

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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

August

30th Year 7-12 Subject counselling
31st Drumming F-Yr 6

September

1st Drumming Years 7 - 11
1st Father's Day Breakfast
5th Online Safety Information Evening.
7th Parent Teacher Interviews.

October

17th Dental Health Service Visit.

Principal's Report

Subject Selection

The 7-10 subject selection process is underway. The information session regarding subject selection and moving into Year 7 will occur this evening starting at 3.45pm. Come along and ask questions of staff about subjects and, for those going into Year 7 in 2024, find out about how different classes will be. The Year 7 2024 session will start at 5.30pm.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

All information and interim reports will be coming home this Friday for Parent/Teacher Interviews next week. Please note, F-4 students do not receive an interim report. All bookings can be made through XUNO. Information on how to do this is enclosed with the information coming home.

Busy couple of weeks coming up

A wellbeing activity for all students will occur on Friday next week – SRC have organised some lunchtime activities for Youth Fest. The African drumming sessions, Moulin Rouge trip, Birchip Field Day and the final VCE study skills programme will take place over the next couple of weeks.

Fathers' Day Breakfast this Friday – Dad's, grandads, special friends come along and enjoy breakfast with the students followed by some activities in the F-6 classrooms. Thanks to Parents' Club for running this activity.

Staff

We wish Ros Lanyon a happy break as she takes leave over the next two weeks. While she is away, Laura Rees will cover her classes.

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

Parent and Carer Information Session

Online Safety for Children

Tuesday 5th September, 6pm – 7.30pm



Join the Mallee Family Care Community Legal Centre for a free information session on the importance of online safety for children and young people.

Topics

- How to keep your children safe online
- Social media
- Boundaries for use with technology
- The importance of open conversations
- Where to find resources and support

We encourage all Boort District P-12 parents and carers to join with us in this safe and supportive environment.

Where

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Smile Squad is coming to our school

Dear Boort District P-12 families,

The Smile Squad team from Dental Health Services Victoria are coming to our school. We have tentatively booked for a visit the week starting **Tuesday 17th October** and will add days according to the number of appointments needed.

Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program.

This means all students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

How to access free dental care

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

Sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>

OR use the below QR code:



Please complete and submit the consent form.

A small number of paper copies of the consent form are available to those unable to go online. Please contact the school office if you would like to request one.

The electronic consent form can be translated into more than 100 languages, and the paper form is available in 13 languages.

Smile Squad dental packs

All children deserve a healthy smile, and the Smile Squad free school dental program is working hard to help make sure this happens.

Your child(ren) will soon/have received a free dental pack to bring home. The dental pack contains a toothbrush, full sized toothpaste, and an oral health brochure in a orange water bottle. Please take the time to read the brochure. It's full of helpful hints and tips to help your whole family eat well, drink well and clean well – for life. Our f-6 students have already received their water bottle package as part of Healthy bones week and prior to year 5/6 camp.

Standard strength toothpaste

Smile Squad provides standard strength fluoride toothpaste that is generally used by ages six and over, unless recommended by a dental or trained health professional.

If your child is under six, please talk to a dental or trained health professional to find out if your child might benefit from using this toothpaste. You can also choose to put the toothpaste away until they turn six or give it to someone else in your family to use.

Do I need to attend my child's appointment?

No, you do not need to attend your child's appointment. You can attend if you would like to, and you can take your child to the community dental clinic if you prefer.

The team at Dental Health Services Victoria Smile Squad look forward to seeing you soon.

Kind regards, Jemma

2023 END OF YEAR DATES

VCE Unit 4 (Year 12 and some Year 11 students)

Last day Year 12	Tuesday 17 th October
Year 12 Study days	Wednesday 18 th October – Monday 23 rd October
Unit 3/4 and VET exams start	Tuesday 24 th October
Melbourne Cup Public Holiday	Tuesday 7 th November
Last Unit 3/4 or VET exam	Friday 10 th November
Year 12 dinner	Friday 10 th November

VCE Unit 2 (Year 11 and some Year 10)

Last day of Year 11 classes	Monday 13 th November
Study day	Tuesday 14 th November
Unit 2 exams start	Wednesday 15 th November
Unit 2 exams finish	Monday 20 th November
Kickstart program begins	Monday 20 th November
Kickstart program ends	Friday 24 th November
Last day for Year 11 students	Friday 24 th November

VET

Last VET day for 2nd Year students who have completed certificates – Thursday 2nd November
Last VET day for 1st Year students – Thursday 23rd November

Year 6 to 7 step up

Thursday 7th December

Year 9 and 10

Last day for Year 10 students with employment is Friday 8th December.
Monday 4th December would be the last day at NCTTC for Year 9/10 students.

Correction / Report Writing Day

Monday 11th December (Student free day)

Reports with Victorian Curriculum levels to go out Presentation Night and Celebration Day.

Activities Program

Thursday 14th December – Friday 15th December

Year 6 Melbourne Camp

Monday 11th December – Thursday 14th December

Presentation Night 7-12

Monday 18th December – 7.00pm

Celebration afternoon F-6

Monday 18th December - Year F-5 step up

Monday 18th December – Celebration Afternoon – 2.00pm

Finish

Wednesday 20th December (Student free day)

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

Book Week



Book Week Celebrations 2023



READ
GROW
INSPIRE



Book Week Celebrations 2023



Reading Challenge Participants.



Little Blue Bookshop Kerang Book Competition: Year 5/6 Picture Book

Winner: Jason Wright
2nd Place: Archer Lee



Reading Challenge Super Stars.

Foundation: Emma Sutton – 12 books, Year 1: Tyler Stringer, Year 2: Kyla Bird – 27 books, Scarlett Crilly – 100 books, Year 4: Hannah Talbot – 51 books, Year 5: Eva Perryman – 175 books, Year 6: Emily Henderson – 6 books



Colouring Competition Winners.

Foundation - Esther Binu, Grade 1 - Hunter Nelson, Grade 2 - Dahli Rye, Grade 3 - Ava Davidson, Grade 4 - Alisha Henderson, Grade 5 - Hailey Stringer, Grade 6 - Archer Lee

Road Safety Education

Last week the Year 9, 10 and 11 students were involved in a road safety initiative called 'Road Smart Interactive' which is a new, evidence based, highly interactive road safety education program that is free for all Victorian Secondary Schools. The program is designed to reflect contemporary, best-practice approaches to road safety education and utilises immersive technology to guide students through a series of experiences that will engage students in thinking about how they can be part of the solution to eliminating road trauma.

This week the Year 10 students are completing the three day Drivers Education program at the Charlton Traffic Education Safety Centre, which includes; a 1km track, 700m sealed and the rest gravel. It features operating traffic lights, pedestrian crossing, hill crest, roundabout and parking bays. 4 vehicles are used for the program, 2 are manual sedans and 2 are automatic. Students will be involved in both theory and practical in car sessions.

Theory sessions addressing; road toll statistics, steering and system of car control, traffic rules and regulations and signs, lane positioning, U turns and 3 point turns, overtaking and cornering, alcohol and drugs and night driving skills.

In Car Skills addressing; moving off, steering, braking, road position, left and right turn, gear change, observation, U turn, reversing, gear change, entering and exiting roundabouts, angle park and hill start, overtaking, cornering lines, parallel park and 3 point turn and negotiating traffic lights

The program also includes a night driving session.

The Year 10 students would like to acknowledge the financial support from School Council and Parents' Club to ensure that this valuable program was attended by all.



Pyramid Salt Excursion

On **Monday 21st August** the Unit 2 OES class travelled to the Pyramid Salt farming and production sites to learn about the environmental, scientific and commercial practices as part of their studies. Students viewed the bores at the Pyramid Creek learning about how they intercept the salt level in the water table and then visited the different ponds, where over a lengthy period of time and many chemical processes, salt is harvested. We were fortunate to see the production sheds for both animal products and food grade consumption.

A very big thank you to Gavin who gave up his time to provide a very informative visit to both sites of the Pyramid Salt business.

Aspects that students found interesting;

Britney – The machinery equipment gets changed over approximately every 5 years due to rust and the salt eroding the metal. They have 300k/w of solar panels supplying power and another 300k/w is soon to be installed.

Sienna – I was fascinated by how many solar panels they had and how the drying conveyor belt worked, it was amazing they made perfect pyramid flakes.

Jess – I found it interesting that they had to clean the salt without it dissolving into a liquid.

Eliza – The Pyramid Hill site won an engineering award for the business when they first started. There is a massive difference between the cost of animal grade salt and food grade salt.

Tayla – The grading of the food grade salt is done by the human eye. At each process it is checked for impurities to ensure quality.

Alex – There are 130 bores to intercept the salt. The water is gravity fed to all the different ponds.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Foundation/1	Casey	For his fantastic subtraction work.
	Keira	For her respectful listening during visiting author time.
	Sienna	For working hard to use the dotted thirds correctly when writing.
	Haylie	For working hard on practicing her sounds with Judy
	Juliette	For great 'take-away' work in our subtraction unit
	Archie	For working hard to include finger spaces in his writing.
Year 1/2	Hayley	Great listening during visiting author.
	Isabel	Fabulous contributions to class discussions.
	Hunter	Great listening skills.
	Luca	Awesome poetry.
Year 3	Scarlett	For her enthusiasm shown in all classes.
	Joan	For his incredible work in maths and his positive attitude.
	Annalise	For her super efforts to improve her literacy.
	Wafa	Her amazing poetry she created with the visiting author for Book Week.
Year 4/5	William	For approaching all Digi Tech classes with a great attitude.
	Eva	For her wonderful poetry writing during our author visit.
	Krystal	For coming to school each morning with a huge smile and cheery greeting.
	Monique	Your hard work and resilience have not gone unnoticed this week. It's a pleasure having you in our class.
	Xavier B	For his wonderful drawing of Dharma the Llama.
Year 6	Noah	For 'driving' the shovel so capably when tree planting.
	Zane	Welcome to BDS. We know you will enjoy your time with us

COMMUNITY NEWS

15TH ANNIVERSARY



CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF BRIDGEWATER ON LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL ~ EST. 1870 ~

IT'S OUR BELATED 150TH BIRTHDAY

WE'RE INVITING ALL PAST AND PRESENT STUDENTS, FAMILIES, TEACHERS AND THE COMMUNITY TO HELP US CELEBRATE AND TAKE A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE!

SATURDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2023
BRIDGEWATER ON LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL
10:00 AM - 2:00PM

CLASS PHOTO - MEMORABILIA - LUNCH - KEEPSAKES - BIRTHDAY CAKE



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Crow Kid

by Lemony 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

