

## **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 30<sup>th</sup> Year 7-12 Subject counselling 31<sup>st</sup> Drumming F-Yr 6 September 1<sup>st</sup> Drumming Years 7 - 11 1<sup>st</sup> Father's Day Breakfast 5<sup>th</sup> Online Safety Information Evening. 7<sup>th</sup> Parent Teacher Interviews. October 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

<u>Staff</u>

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.

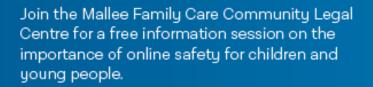
Lee-Anne Sherwell Principal

#### Principal's Availability over the Next Week

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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



#### 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 Boort District P-12 School 9-27 Malone Street, Boort VIC 3537

For information please contact Allie Collyer on acollyer@malleefamilycare.com.au or call 1800 243 002



## 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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** 

#### 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:



SMILE SQUAD

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

#### VCE Unit 2 (Year 11 and some Year 10)

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

#### VET

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

#### Year 6 to 7 step up

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December

#### Year 9 and 10

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

#### **Correction / Report Writing Day**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December (Student free day) Reports with Victorian Curriculum levels to go out Presentation Night and Celebration Day.

Activities Program Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Year 6 Melbourne Camp Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Presentation Night 7-12 Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – 7.00pm

**Celebration afternoon F-6** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Year F-5 step up Monday 18<sup>th</sup> 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!!

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# FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER from 8am

## **Book Week**







Reading Challenge Participants.

Little Blue Bookshop Verang Book Competition: Year 518 Picture Book

Winner: Jason Wright 2nd Place: Archer Lee

Reading Challenge Super Stars.

Foundation: Emma Sutton – 12 books, Year 1: Tyler Stringer, Year 2: Kylah 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



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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

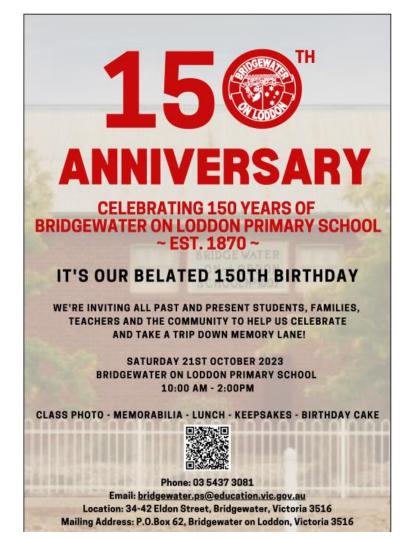
Alex – There are 130 bores to intercept the salt. The water is gravity fed to all the different ponds.



## 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**







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 com Maroondah City Council and premiered in ArtSpace at Realm, Ringwood, Victoria



